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A MAYOR CANES SAM JONES

Then the Evangelist Caned the Mayor and Both Were Badly Bunged Up.

JONES' CRITICISM CAUSES THE AFFRAY.

The Mayor Arrested and Excited Citizens Call a Mass Meeting for the Purpose of Discussing the Matter.

PALESTINE, Tex., Feb. 4.—At a series of meetings held here in November last the Rev. Sam P. Jones of Cartersville, Ga., excited much comment and enthusiasm, both for the large number of conversions he effected for the various religious denominations and for the vigorous manner in which he assailed sinners in general and several individuals in particular. Among those who suffered excoriation at the hands of the renowned evangelist was Mayor J. J. Word, to whose official and private character the Rev. Jones alluded before a large audience in the severest and most pointed terms, the mayor being absent from the city at the time. For the last three weeks the city has been all agog over the announcement that the great evangelist would be here again to deliver his famous lecture, "Get There," and there has been a regular rush for seats. Mr. Jones arrived on Receiver Bonner's special car at 8 o'clock Sunday night. The lecture was delivered to a large and appreciative audience at the opera house. But an unlooked-for denouement transpired at the depot at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Just before the evangelist took the train for the west, Mayor Word was seen to approach him and after a few words, vigorously assaulted him with a cane. The cane changed hands in the struggle and the mayor also received several blows before the bystanders parted the angry combatants. Heavy bruises were inflicted and both parties bled profusely. In a few minutes the train pulled out with Sam Jones on board. Mayor Word was arrested and is now under bond for aggravated assault and for carrying a pistol. The mayor avowed his right to carry weapons and disavows any intention to carry his resentment further than caning the evangelist. The news of the encounter flew fast over the city, and at a hasty meeting of citizens dodgers were issued calling for a mass meeting at Butler's hall for the purpose of discussing the affair.

Death Ran Them Down.

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 3.—Last night about 7:15 as the south-bound freight train reached a point about one mile west of Marlin it overtook the section crew on a handcar, who were carrying one of their sick comrades to the station for the purpose of sending him to the infirmary on the morning train. The collision occurred on a high trestle where escape was impossible, resulting in the immediate death of Billy Thompson, who was literally cut to pieces. The following were injured: John Feusel, foreman of the section, bruised and received a large scalp wound; August Schaffer, back injured; Hugo Werner, severe scalp injury; John Stribling, slight injuries; John Montague, slight injuries. No blame can be attached to the train crew. They had just rounded a curve when the handcar was first sighted and brakes were immediately applied, but owing to the close proximity it was impossible to avert the terrible accident.

Rape Fiend Run In.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 3.—Frank Forbes has been arrested and locked up, charged with an attempt to commit a gross assault upon Julia Anderson, a girl aged 11. The child is the daughter of the cook at a saloon called the Red Front, located in what is known as the "Reservation." Forbes denies the charge. When arrested Sunday night he informed the police that Frank Maddox had fired at him and hit him on the head, making a scalp wound. His head was bleeding, and the officers arrested Maddox. On searching him they found a six-shooter, whereupon they locked him up also. Maddox denies the shooting, but admits that he struck Forbes, he claims, in defense of the girl. The county attorney considers it a serious case, and he is making a careful scrutiny into it. Investigation of this matter disclosed the fact that several girls under 12 years old are in the "Reservation."

Shot Down and Robbed.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 29.—A dispatch from Leon Junction, West of Waco, gives the barest of details of the assassination of E. A. Pollard. It appears that Pollard is a Bohemian, and a saddler by trade. He last worked at McGregor, McLennan county. He rode into Leon Junction horseback, was shot down and robbed by parties who had followed him for the purpose. The ball traversed the bowels, but left him enough life to tell who he was. Citizens turned out in numbers and are scouring the country for the murderers.

Knocked Speechless.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 2.—William Bradburn's residence in East Marshall was struck by lightning yesterday. A chimney was torn off level with the top of the house and a hole was knocked in the roof in another place. One branch entered the house, setting fire to something inside. Another went through the floor into the ground. Miss Hira Bradburn received quite a shock, being speechless for several minutes.

Killed Without Pistols.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 4.—J. S. Woodward, who lives near Milford, in this (Ellis) county, is now in the hands of officers at this place charged with the killing of Wash Bennett Sunday near the town of Mertens, some twenty-five miles from this place. Bennett was struck a blow with a singletree, which proved fatal.

How Did He Die?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30.—The dead body of Frank Sherman was found in the river at the foot of Charlotte avenue yesterday. The coroner held an inquest yesterday evening but no evidence developed to show the manner of Sherman's death. The deceased was the son of wealthy parents living at Savannah, Mo.

Juvenile Runaways.

CORSICANA, Tex., Jan. 29.—Two little girls, aged about 7 and 10 years, escaped from the state orphans' asylum yesterday morning, and attempted to make their way on foot to Sherman, more than 100 miles distant, from where they had been sent to the asylum. A gentleman on his way to the city on horseback discovered the juvenile runaways walking up the railroad track, and after talking with them awhile, induced them to mount behind him and carried them to the office of County Judge Rice, where they were cared for until a conveyance could be procured to return them to the asylum. They were quite intelligent for their years, but were unable to tell much concerning themselves. Both were orphans, left without natural protectors, and were sent to the asylum from Sherman, where the mother of one of them is said to be a charge upon the county at the poor farm. They said, in effect, that they were dissatisfied with their life at the orphanage and wanted to go back to Sherman where they came from.

A WIFE'S HORRIBLE FIND

She Returns from a Visit and Stumbles Over Her Husband's Decaying Body.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 2.—A gloom has been hanging over this city for the past two days. Friday night Mrs. John Timon and daughter returned from a week's visit to Beeville and on going home were horrified to find Mr. Timon lying on the hall floor dead. The discovery was made by Mrs. Timon, who, in the dark, stumbled over her dead husband's body. An alarm was at once given and in a few moments quite a crowd of neighbors gathered at the front door of the Timon household. A light was procured and on going in a horrible sight met the gaze of the beholders. Mr. Timon, who is about 65 years old, was found lying face down on the hall floor with only his night shirt on. On turning the body over it was found to be badly decomposed about the breast, face and knees, and gave evidence of having been dead three or four days. The tongue and eyes protruded and the throat was badly swollen and quite black, while the hands, one of which held a few gray hairs, were clutched and showed that he had died a horrible death. The theory advanced is that he died from apoplexy.

Delirium and Death.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 31.—Last Saturday Charles Mayer, a brother of William Mayer, who keeps a saloon and resides at 1016 Elm street, while suffering with fever became delirious and tried to escape from his nurses, saying he only wanted six feet of water. About 10 p. m. Saturday, while his brother and two other men were looking after him he broke away from them and escaped. He was found on Bryan street by the police who brought him home. Two doctors had been waiting on him and about 2 o'clock Sunday morning his brother called in a third. Half an hour later the sick man asked to be walked around the block and to humor him he was accorded the request, two men accompanying him. He had not proceeded far until he gave them the slip, and he soon distanced them, going in the direction of the Trinity river. About 10 o'clock Monday morning, about a mile south of Oak Cliff bridge, searchers found the missing man's coat and vest on the bank of the river and his hat in the water, where it was held by some brushwood. There were footprints discernible on the bank up to the water's edge that corresponded with the size of the sick man's shoes. Mr. William Mayer concluding from this discovery that his brother was drowned, employed a party of fishermen to drag the river. This was done without result until about 2:30 p. m. Thursday, when one of the fishermen hooked the body about 150 yards further down the stream than where the clothing had been found.

Eight Persons Poisoned.

DENISON, Tex., Jan. 30.—A case of wholesale poisoning from cotton-seed oil occurred early yesterday morning on the farm of C. D. Reasor, three miles north of Denison. The people poisoned are Jim Ball and three children, Edgar Reasor, two hired men and Miss Etta Dickinson of the city, who was visiting at Mr. Ball's. A new barrel of oil had just been received from Sherman and the bread used at breakfast this morning contained the first taken from the barrel. Mr. Ball and one of the hired men came to this city soon after breakfast and were taken severely ill. Mr. Reasor, the children and the hired man remaining at the house are all suffering intense pain and it is feared that Mr. Reasor will not recover, as he has been in poor health for three years—the result of a swallow of concentrated lye.

Highway Robbery.

HONEY GROVE, Tex., Jan. 30.—R. L. Barrett, a farmer living a few miles from Honey Grove, while in town Tuesday borrowed $100 from the bank. About dark he started home on horseback. When about three-quarters of a mile from town he was hailed by three men and requested to hand over his money. He was made to dismount and the robbers went through his pockets, securing about $97. Mr. Barrett rode back to town and informed the officers. Tuesday a deputy sheriff came down from Bonham with bloodhounds, and with the local officers worked hard to trace the robbers. Two men were arrested yesterday evening, but your correspondent does not know what evidence of guilt is in the possession of the officers.

Mounted Burglars.

LEONARD, Tex., Feb. 2.—Saturday night two mounted burglars commenced a raid on the town. They first broke in a window of W. T. Womack's grocery store, on the east side of the square, and took a dozen or more oranges, nothing more being missed. They then proceeded to the north side and crashed in the window of the postoffice building. The crash was heard by Justice Ring and Tom May, who at once hastened to the postoffice. When the culprits saw Ring and his companion coming they made for a back alley and mounted their horses that were hitched there. A posse of men at once started in pursuit.

Heir to Millions.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 29.—Lee and Jaye Adams of this city have made the discovery that they are not only descendants of British royalty on the side of the house of Stuart, but that they are heirs to an estate valued at £10,000,000.

Cut His Head Half Off.

NAVASOTA, Tex., Feb. 3.—Saturday night Jeff Gaston carved Jeff Shanks, another negro, with a razor in a gambling row. Shanks is still alive, although his head is said to be cut half off.

TEXAS STATE NEWS NOTES.

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Jewett has been incorporated.

Dublin is still receiving cotton at a very lively rate.

The artesian well at Sherman has reached a depth of 620 feet.

The Abilene artesian well is down 800 feet, with a nine-inch casing.

Grayson county farmers are preparing to sow their spring crop of oats.

An ice factory will be erected at Morgan, Bosque county, immediately.

Caldwell county will build this year five iron bridges at a cost of $6777.75.

A colony of Georgians are settling in the southern portion of Van Zandt county.

A $1000 calaboose is to be erected for the benefit of Greenville's law-breakers.

It has at last been definitely decided that Cuero will have a canning factory.

Mrs. Ann Follandsbie of Anderson fell into the fire a few days ago and was fatally burned.

Vernon's $20,000 school house, the pride of the city, has been completed and school opened.

The enterprising citizens of Fort Worth are agitating the question of a fair to be held next fall.

An ice factory is to be built at Longview, Gregg country. The machinery is already on hand.

The Hubbard City artesian well is now down 600 feet and work progresses without interruption.

About 50,000 bales of cotton will have been compressed at Gainesville by the end of the season.

The Oak Cliff paper mill, with a capacity of from seven to ten tons per day, is ready for business.

Forty-five residences and twenty-four business houses have been built at Lexington during the year.

The prospects for an abundant wheat crop in Greer county were never so encouraging as at present.

The Odd Fellows of Henrietta are arranging for the erection of a new building for the use of that order.

In a runaway a few days ago at Denton William French was seriously hurt by being thrown from his wagon.

A new town has been started and postoffice obtained on Happy Hollow, in the northern part of Swisher county.

As a result of Pittsburg's enterprise she is to have a barrel factory which will begin operation at an early date.

The $40,000 school building at Taylor is nearing completion. It is a handsome structure and a credit to the town.

The Commerce club of Gainesville have voted to build an opera house to cost $30,000. Work will commence at once.

Forty feet of water has been obtained at a depth of 110 feet in a well recently bored at a point four miles northeast of Estacado.

The Masonic lodge of San Angelo will at once begin the erection of a magnificent temple of dressed stone, to be three stories high.

Work will soon begin on a fifty foot addition to the railway depot at Seymour. This will make the total length of the building 175 feet.

The prospective extension of the Knoxville, Henrietta and Western railroad to Archer City has put new life into that town and country.

Extensive preparations are being made by Kaufman county farmers for the forthcoming spring work, and all are much elated over the prospects.

Reports from Hardeman county say that wheat looks better than ever before and a large quantity of new land is being prepared for spring crops.

J. F. Buckner fell from the second story of a new brick store house at Arlington a few days ago and was badly though perhaps not fatally injured.

A coffin and trunk factory is to be started at Tyler. Already the preliminary preparations are being made to set his new industry in motion.

Work has now commenced in real earnest on the different improvements of the new town of Myrtle Springs, near the center of Van Zandt county.

A foundry and machine company has been organized at Houston with a capital of $25,000, and it is proposed to put in a cost of twenty tons capacity.

A new bridge is to be built in Henderson county, near Athens, on the Athens and Kaufman road. The bridge will be a great convenience to the public.

Frank McLain, a hotel clerk at Quanah, attempted to shuffle off by the morphine route a few days ago, but the timely arrival of a physician saved his life.

It is reported that the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway company have decided to sink an artesian well at Dublin to supply water for their own use.

The Methodist church at Weatherford, which was begun three years ago, is now almost completed, and will be one of the best church buildings in the state.

Andy Burleson, the 9-year-old son of John Burleson, a farmer living near San Angelo, was run over by a freight train a few days ago and had his leg cut off.

Kaufman is to have a new depot. The material is on hand and work will begin immediately. The building will be a model one and of ample proportions.

It is reported that the acreage of wheat sown in Stonewall county is four times that of any previous year, and the prospects were never brighter for a big crop.

The documents asking for a charter for the First National bank of Mineola, with capital of $50,000, has been forwarded to the comptroller of currency at Washington.

The Wolfe City Stove Foundry company have received their charter. The purpose of the company is to manufacture all kinds of stoves and do a general foundry business.

As a young man named Roberts and the telegraph operator at Dunn's station, near Richmond, were going to breakfast a few mornings ago, on a railroad velocipede, during a heavy fog, they were run down by a Santa Fe freight train. Roberts had his skull crushed and is perhaps fatally hurt, while his companion was only slightly injured.

Jennie Anderson, colored, the oldest inhabitant of San Antonio, died a few days ago. The exact date of her birth is not known, but she is said to have been at least 100 years of age.

Dr. Frye, who has been for some time incarcerated in the Kaufman jail on a charge of theft, attempted suicide a few days ago by cutting the main artery in his left arm near the shoulder.

The postoffice at Holland was burglarized a few nights ago. The office occupies the front of a store, and after that had been rifled the thief proceeded to supply himself with dry goods.

The stockholders in the new $30,000 hotel to be built at Cleburne are making arrangements to commence operations early in the spring. The structure is to have every modern convenience.

The little 4-year-old daughter of J. J. Little of Pearsall was recently wounded in the head with a small needle, and although the puncture was scarcely visible, resulted in blood poisoning and death.

A few days ago Wiley King and George Wadley, two colored boys of Hillsboro, were playing with a shotgun when it was accidentally discharged, the full contents entering Wadley's right lung, killing him.

The Pecan Valley fair directors met at Brownwood a few days ago and decided to hold a six days' fair, beginning the 28th day of September, and also to spend $10,000 more in improving their buildings.

Brown county is keeping up with the march of progress. Good bridges now span nearly every stream in the county. Two iron structures, being just completed over Indian creek, are the last finished.

While Louis Edmundson with others was engaged in loading the Spanish steamship Aroya at Galveston he was precipitated down the hatchway of the vessel, sustaining serious if not fatal injuries.

On each of the farms of Levi Hendricks, L. W. Clark and Levi Lallier, near Denison, reside four generations of people. Probably there is no other instance of the kind on record. The farms are adjoining.

The skin of a large panther, which was killed by two boys in Pease river brakes some weeks ago, has been stuffed and mounted and is now on exhibition at Quanah. The animal measured eight feet in length.

A jury of view has been appointed to view out the proposed wagon road across the canyon at Claude. As the necessary amount of money has been raised, work will begin at once and the road rapidly pushed to completion.

A few nights ago two negroes went to the residence of Tony Anderson at Houston, choked his wife and ransacked the house. Several dollars in currency and two gold rings were taken, after which the scoundrels departed.

A new bridge over Hobly's ferry will be built this spring, and then, it is said, no county in the state will be better prepared against high water than Coryell. The $30,000 this bridge will cost is the only debt the county owes.

Everything indicates that Tyler is entering upon a year of unusually rapid growth and prosperity. Many enterprises, now in their incipiency, promise to become actual realizations before another twelve months passes.

As Alamo Code and his cousin, two boys of San Marcos, were returning from a hunt a few nights since, both riding one horse, the animal became frightened and ran away, throwing young Code against a tree and perhaps fatally injuring him.

A large addition is being put to the main building of the Gainesville iron works, which, when completed, will render the capacity of that plant double what it has been in the past, making it sufficient to turn out a ton of castings per day.

J. F. Newman, sheriff of Nelson county, was shot down and dangerously wounded on the most public street in Sweetwater a few nights ago. He was shot in the back at a distance of twenty steps with a shotgun in the hands of an unknown assassin.

During an attack of delirium recently Mrs. James Woolsey, living near Centerville, got up at night and wandered down to a branch near by, into which she fell and was drowned. Her husband was away from home, and the body was not found until next day.

R. D. Plumber was recently arrested at Bonham for passing spurious coin. Twenty-three silver dollars were found in his boots, all counterfeit. They were finely executed and none but an expert could have told but that they were genuine except by their weight.

The Temple City company, with a capital stock of $50,000, has been organized for the purpose of erecting buildings and the accumulation and loan of funds, for the purchase of real property in the cities, towns and villages in the state and also for the accumulation and loan of money.

Recent excessive rains have caused a suspension of work on the Taylor street railway. It is to be a belt line, three miles and a half long, and to be completed in ninety days. It is being constructed of the best material, so it can be changed to an electric road with but little additional expense.

Miss Gertie Whitmire attempted suicide at Hale City a few days ago by taking all the laudanum she could procure. Fortunately the quantity was too small for fatal effect, and by the prompt aid of a physician she was soon able to be up. The only explanation she gave was that she was tired of life.

C. H. Stevenson, who left Arlington some weeks ago under circumstances which pointed suspiciously to the fact that he had deserted his wife and children and skipped with his pretty typewriter, has been heard from. He denies having deserted his family, but says nothing of the typewriter.

Mad dogs have played havoc among cattle of Bee creek, near Waxahachie, in the past few weeks, and great loss from hydrophobia has been sustained. The most distressing feature of the matter is that some six or eight persons have been bitten by these dogs and grave fears are entertained as to the consequences.

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Foreign Flashes Across the Wave Rife with News of National Moment from Other Lands.

DOMESTIC.

Rosa Barton, colored, died recently at Galesburg, Ill., aged 118.

Henry Crow dropped dead at Grand Rapids, Mich., a few nights ago of heart disease.

Thomas Miers died near Akron, O., recently at the age of 100 years and 5 months.

Brigadier General S. V. Benet, chief of ordinance of the army, has been placed on the retired list.

Harris A. Smiler, a wife murderer, has been sentenced to death by electrocution at New York city.

Counterfeit nickels are in circulation at Brownsburg, Ind., supposed to have been made in the town.

John Kelly shot and killed his father, aged 70, during a drunken row at Boston, Mass., a few days ago.

A measure to create an upper branch of the Chicago city council is under consideration at Springfield, Ill.

At Wabash, Ind., James B. Sago, over 70 years old, fell from a chair a few days since and died instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Bieler of Brooklyn, Ind., have succeeded in rearing twelve sons and seven daughters.

A bill providing for the Australian ballot system only needs the signature of the governor to become a law in Oregon.

Prof. Jesse of New Orleans announces his acceptance of the presidency of the Missouri State university at Columbia.

During a recent fit of temporary insanity, B. B. Hopkins, a broker of New York, cut his throat, inflicting a mortal wound.

Noah Pratt, a stock buyer of Fairmount, Ill., was run over by a horse a few days ago and seriously if not fatally injured.

William Gay Ballantine, professor of Greek at Oberlin College, at Cleveland, O., has been elected president of the institution.

James Miller of Kokomo, Ind., was sent to jail recently for thirty days for refusing to answer the questions of a census taker.

A vein of silver sixteen inches thick has been found on the farm of A. C. Brandt, near Fairfield, Iowa, at a depth of 320 feet.

Milton Tootle, Jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., heir to a million, recently eloped with Belle Gordon, aged 16, the daughter of a poor farmer.

William Smith, an employe of the Grand Trunk railroad, was struck at Marcellus, Mich., by a passenger train and instantly killed.

A bill to prevent the shooting of pigeons in exhibitions of marksmanship, and other like sports, has been introduced in the Illinois senate.

Low water in a saw-mill boiler at Meredith, Mich., caused an explosion a few days ago which killed two men and injured many others.

At Pittsburg, Pa., a few days ago John Kaiser, senior member of the firm of Kaiser, Sons & Co., committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

Near Anderson, Ind., recently Leonard Benzenfower became insane from religious excitement and tried to hang himself but was cut down.

It has been decided by Secretaries Blaine and Tracy that the flagship Charleston shall convey the remains of King Kalakau to Hawaii.

John K. Aydelotte, editor of the Daily Democrat at Hamilton, O., was recently caught in the fly-wheel in the engine room and instantly killed.

Miss Grace Gridley of Amboy, Ill., aged 18, awoke a few days ago from a trance of nine months' duration. She lost little flesh, but is unable to talk.

John Ambrose, night clerk of the Planters' hotel at Sioux City, Ia., had his skull fractured by a burglar a few nights ago. Ambrose cannot recover.

James R. O'Neil, a Chicago and Northwestern conductor, was shot and instantly killed at Long Point, Ia., a few days ago by a burglar concealed in a box-car.

Being told by a medium that her husband was faithless Mrs. Ludwig Anderson poisoned herself and three children at Brockton, Mass., a few days ago.

The State National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., went into voluntary liquidation a few days ago. It was organized in January, 1887, with a capital of $250,000.

John Baske while oiling machinery at Pittsburg, Pa., recently was caught by a shaft and whirled around until his legs were threshed off above the knees. He will die.

John Larson, the noted thief, forger and mortgage jumper, has been sentenced at Mason City to three years in the Iowa penitentiary for stealing flax from his brother.

Seven thousand dollars were found recently in the hut of a hermit on the banks of the Connecticut river. The miser died in squalor, and the find of property is a surprise.

Leocatia Harrington, known as Leo Coles, a former actress, aged 22 years, committed suicide a few days ago by shooting herself through the heart at New York.

The board of revision, which has been investigating the license department of the Cincinnati city government, have recommended that City Comptroller Stevens be indicted.

Of a population of 13,913 of school age in Champaign county, Illinois, but nine between the ages of 12 and 21 are unable to read or write, and of this number six are mentally weak.

At Fort Morgan, Col., recently Mrs. Thomas Bennett hanged herself. Her mind was unbalanced through the loss of her husband's savings by the failure of a bank at Greeley.

At Saginaw, Mich., recently a successful skin-grafting operation was performed on Miss Sarah Little, who was badly burned while dressing for a party. Her sister, Miss Louise, furnished the necessary cuticles, and withstood the trying ordeal heroically, eleven pieces being taken from her.

Mrs. Julia Higbee, who recently poisoned her four children at her home near Brandenburg, Ky., has been found by a jury to be demented and will be sent to the asylum.

David Skiwinski, a New York salesman, was engaged to a Huntington, Pa., girl. She wrote him breaking the engagement, and a few days ago he went to her town and hanged himself.

It has been discovered that Ethel Towne, acquitted of forgery recently at Terre Haute, had passed several worthless checks in St. Louis in 1889, where she was known as Helen M. Rogers.

Judge Edgerton has refused the application for appointment of a receiver for the Canton, (S. D.) bank, having found that the bank was solvent and the application but a dispute as to who shall control.

The mail carrier between Whitesburg, Ky., and Big Stone Gap, Va., had been missing since the recent heavy snow and was not found until recently. He had been shot twice and the mail pouch robbed.

At Downieville, Cal., recently John Trebino died of trichiniasis; another of the family is dangerously sick and two others are recovering from the same disease. They all ate half-cooked pork Dec. 29.

The result of the canvass conducted by two farmers' papers shows that Cleveland is the choice of Democratic farmers by a vote of 71,787 to 17,118 for Hill. Republicans are for Blaine by 39,209 to 31,013 for Harrison.

At New York recently a carriage in which Senator Stanford was riding came in collision with a street car. The senator was thrown out, receiving a cut on the left temple and bruises on his arm and shoulder.

Surrogate Ransom has decided in the Robert Ray Hamilton contested will case at New York that the marriage of Eva L. Hamilton and Robert Ray Hamilton is void, and that Eva is still the wife of Joshua J. Mann.

August Kopp and Mrs. Henry Van Pelt have been arrested in Chicago, charged with eloping from a little town in Belgium, Kopp having a wife and six children and Mrs. Van Pelt a husband and five children.

All Chinese laundrymen and labrsere have been driven from the towns of Western Athene and Adams, Ore., by mobs. At Milton a Chinaman refused to leave, and was dragged for some distance with a rope around his neck.

A humane bureau has been established at Kansas City to prevent the shipping of hogs and cattle in the same cars, resulting in many of the animals being maimed or killed. Several shippers have been fined for their cruel economy in that matter.

At Burbourville, Ky., a few days ago, Epp Moore, charged with murdering Harvey Steele two years ago and with killing David Campbell recently, shot himself through the head, causing instant death. His trial was to have begun in an hour.

A Swedish servant killed himself a few nights ago in the residence of C. P. Huntington, the railway magnate at New York. Mrs. Huntington was entertaining friends at the time, but her husband had the body removed without her or their knowledge.

At Irving, Kan., a few days since a passenger train, carrying among others the Seventh cavalry returning from Pine Ridge, collided with a freight train. The engineers and firemen were killed and several of the passengers injured, but it is not known whether any of the cavalry were hurt.

Citizens of Woodville, Miss., in mass meeting a few days ago adopted a resolution warning S. A. Bradford, who wrecked a pay train on the L., E. O. and T. railroad recently, and escaped punishment through a technicality, to leave the county immediately and never to return, on pain of death.

A party of Indians made an attack recently on the ranch of Noah Newbanks, near Lower Spring Creek, S. D. Bullets fired by Newbanks and his men drove the hostiles across the Cheyenne river, and as blood stains were found on the grass it is believed that some of the Reds were wounded.

FOREIGN.

Belfort, France, had three earthquake shocks recently.

A ton of tobacco, smuggled from Key West, has been seized at Havana.

Seven fishermen have crossed the Zuyder Zee on the ice—not done before since 1740.

About twenty more fishermen left Halifax recently for the Behring sea seal fishery.

The French deputies have appropriated $200,000 more to relieve the sufferers by cold and storm.

News from Japan's capital is that the recently opened Parliament house has been destroyed by fire.

Germany is getting milder weather with rain. Efforts to move ice-bound shipping at Hamburg has begun.

The Anglican cathedral in Melbourne, Victoria, has been consecrated with elaborate and imposing ceremonies.

It is announced that Signor Crispi's daughter has been betrothed to Signor Cellere, a nephew of Cardinal Macchi.

A letter from Lord Salisbury is published in which he asserts that there is no ground for believing in early dissolution of parliament probable.

It is reported that Sir John MacDonald has definitely decided to dissolve the Canadian parliament and appeal to the country the last week in February.

The house occupied by Robert Sharpe, Port Hope, Ont., was destroyed by fire a few nights since. Mr. Sharpe was slightly burned and one of his children was burned to a crisp.

The St. Petersburg press urges Russia to seize the Pamir plateau, the extensive tableland of Central Asia, called by the natives the "Roof of the World," in order to prevent the British from occupying it.

The King of Abyssinia has asked the French government to give a port near Obock in return for the concessions granted a French company to construct and work a railway from that place to the interior of Abyssinia.

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A MAYOR CANES SAM JONES

Then the Evangelist Caned the Mayor and Both Were Badly Bunged Up.

JONES' CRITICISM CAUSES THE AFFRAY.

The Mayor Arrested and Excited Citizens Call a Mass Meeting for the Purpose of Discussing the Matter.

PALESTINE, Tex., Feb. 4.—At a series of meetings held here in November last the Rev. Sam P. Jones of Cartersville, Ga., excited much comment and enthusiasm, both for the large number of conversions he effected for the various religious denominations and for the vigorous manner in which he assailed sinners in general and several individuals in particular. Among those who suffered excoriation at the hands of the renowned evangelist was Mayor J. J. Word, to whose official and private character the Rev. Jones alluded before a large audience in the severest and most pointed terms, the mayor being absent from the city at the time. For the last three weeks the city has been all agog over the announcement that the great evangelist would be here again to deliver his famous lecture, "Get There," and there has been a regular rush for seats. Mr. Jones arrived on Receiver Bonner's special car at 8 o'clock Sunday night. The lecture was delivered to a large and appreciative audience at the opera house. But an unlooked-for denouement transpired at the depot at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Just before the evangelist took the train for the west, Mayor Word was seen to approach him and after a few words, vigorously assaulted him with a cane. The cane changed hands in the struggle and the mayor also received several blows before the bystanders parted the angry combatants. Heavy bruises were inflicted and both parties bled profusely. In a few minutes the train pulled out with Sam Jones on board. Mayor Word was arrested and is now under bond for aggravated assault and for carrying a pistol. The mayor avowed his right to carry weapons and disavows any intention to carry his resentment further than caning the evangelist. The news of the encounter flew fast over the city, and at a hasty meeting of citizens dodgers were issued calling for a mass meeting at Butler's hall for the purpose of discussing the affair.

Death Ran Them Down.

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 3.—Last night about 7:15 as the south-bound freight train reached a point about one mile west of Marlin it overtook the section crew on a handcar, who were carrying one of their sick comrades to the station for the purpose of sending him to the infirmary on the morning train. The collision occurred on a high trestle where escape was impossible, resulting in the immediate death of Billy Thompson, who was literally cut to pieces. The following were injured: John Feusel, foreman of the section, bruised and received a large scalp wound; August Schaffer, back injured; Hugo Werner, severe scalp injury; John Strihling, slight injuries; John Montague, slight injuries. No blame can be attached to the train crew. They had just rounded a curve when the handcar was first sighted and brakes were immediately applied, but owing to the close proximity it was impossible to avert the terrible accident.

Rape Fiend Run In.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 3.—Frank Forbes has been arrested and locked up, charged with an attempt to commit a gross assault upon Julia Anderson, a girl aged 11. The child is the daughter of the cook at a saloon called the Red Front, located in what is known as the "Reservation." Forbes denies the charge. When arrested Sunday night he informed the police that Frank Maddox had fired at him and hit him on the head, making a scalp wound. His head was bleeding, and the officers arrested Maddox. On searching him they found a six-shooter, whereupon they locked him up also. Maddox denies the shooting, but admits that he struck Forbes, he claims, in defense of the girl. The county attorney considers it a serious case, and he is making a careful scrutiny into it. Investigation of this matter disclosed the fact that several girls under 12 years old are in the "Reservation."

Shot Down and Robbed.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 29.—A dispatch from Leon Junction, West of Waco, gives the barest of details of the assassination of E. A. Pollard. It appears that Pollard is a Bohemian, and a saddler by trade. He last worked at McGregor, McLennan county. He rode into Leon Junction horseback, was shot down and robbed by parties who had followed him for the purpose. The ball traversed the bowels, but left him enough life to tell who he was. Citizens turned out in numbers and are scouring the country for the murderers.

Knocked Speechless.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 2.—William Bradburn's residence in East Marshall was struck by lightning yesterday. A chimney was torn off level with the top of the house and a hole was knocked in the roof in another place. One branch entered the house, setting fire to something inside. Another went through the floor into the ground. Miss Hira Bradburn received quite a shock, being speechless for several minutes.

Killed While Asleep.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 4.—J. S. Woodward, who lives near Milford, in this (Ellis) county, is now in the hands of officers at this place charged with the killing of Wash Bennett Sunday near the town of Mertens, some twenty-five miles from this place. Bennett was struck a blow with a singletree, which proved fatal.

How Did He Die?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30.—The dead body of Frank Sherman was found in the river at the foot of Charlotte avenue yesterday. The coroner held an inquest yesterday evening but no evidence developed to show the manner of Sherman's death. The deceased was the son of wealthy parents living at Savannah, Mo.

Juvenile Runaways.

CORSICANA, Tex., Jan. 29.—Two little girls, aged about 7 and 10 years, escaped from the state orphans' asylum yesterday morning, and attempted to make their way on foot to Sherman, more than 100 miles distant, from whence they had been sent to the asylum. A gentleman on his way to the city on horseback discovered the juvenile runaways walking up the railroad track, and after talking with them awhile, induced them to mount behind him and carried them to the office of County Judge Rice, where they were cared for until a conveyance could be procured to return them to the asylum. They were quite intelligent for their years, but were unable to tell much concerning themselves. Both were orphans, left without natural protectors, and were sent to the asylum from Sherman, where the mother of one of them is said to be a charge upon the county at the poor farm. They said, in effect, that they were dissatisfied with their life at the orphanage and wanted to go back to Sherman where they came from.

A WIFE'S HORRIBLE FIND

She Returns from a Visit and Stumbles Over Her Husband's Decaying Body.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 2.—A gloom has been hanging over this city for the past two days. Friday night Mrs. John Timon and daughter returned from a week's visit to Beeville and on going home were horrified to find Mr. Timon lying on the hall floor dead. The discovery was made by Mrs. Timon, who, in the dark, stumbled over her dead husband's body. An alarm was at once given and in a few moments quite a crowd of neighbors gathered at the front door of the Timon household. A light was procured and on going in a horrible sight met the gaze of the beholders. Mr. Timon, who is about 65 years old, was found lying face down on the hall floor with only his night shirt on. On turning the body over it was found to be badly decomposed about the breast, face and knees, and gave evidence of having been dead three or four days. The tongue and eyes protruded and the throat was badly swollen and quite black, while the hands, one of which held a few gray hairs, were clutched and showed that he had died a horrible death. The theory advanced is that he died from apoplexy.

Delirium and Death.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 31.—Last Saturday Charles Mayer, a brother of William Mayer, who keeps a saloon and resides at 1016 Elm street, while suffering with fever became delirious and tried to escape from his nurses, saying he only wanted six feet of water. About 10 p. m. Saturday, while his brother and two other men were looking after him he broke away from them and escaped. He was found on Bryan street by the police who brought him home. Two doctors had been waiting on him and about 2 o'clock Sunday morning his brother called in a third. Half an hour later the sick man asked to be walked around the block and to humor him he was accorded the request, two men accompanying him. He had not proceeded far until he gave them the slip, and he soon distanced them, going in the direction of the Trinity river. About 10 o'clock Monday morning, about a mile south of Oak Cliff bridge, searchers found the missing man's coat and vest on the bank of the river and his hat in the water, where it was held by some brushwood. There were footprints discernible on the bank up to the water's edge that corresponded with the size of the sick man's shoes. Mr. William Mayer concluding from this discovery that his brother was drowned, employed a party of fishermen to drag the river. This was done without result until about 2:30 p. m. Thursday, when one of the fishermen hooked the body about 150 yards further down the stream than where the clothing had been found.

Eight Persons Poisoned.

DENISON, Tex., Jan. 30.—A case of wholesale poisoning from cotton-seed oil occurred early yesterday morning on the farm of C. D. Reasor, three miles north of Denison. The people poisoned are Jim Ball and three children, Edgar Reasor, two hired men and Miss Etta Dickinson of the city, who was visiting at Mr. Ball's. A new barrel of oil had just been received from Sherman and the bread used at breakfast this morning contained the first taken from the barrel. Mr. Ball and one of the hired men came to this city soon after breakfast and were taken severely ill. Mr. Reasor, the children and the hired man remaining at the house are all suffering intense pain and it is feared that Mr. Reasor will not recover, as he has been in poor health for three years—the result of a swallow of concentrated lye.

Highway Robbery.

HONEY GROVE, Tex., Jan. 30.—R. L. Barrett, a farmer living a few miles from Honey Grove, while in town Tuesday borrowed $100 from the bank. About dark he started home on horseback. When about three-quarters of a mile from town he was hailed by three men and requested to hand over his money. He was made to dismount and the robbers went through his pockets, securing about $97. Mr. Barrett rode back to town and informed the officers. Tuesday a deputy sheriff came down from Bonham with bloodhounds, and with the local officers worked hard to trace the robbers. Two men were arrested yesterday evening, but your correspondent does not know what evidence of guilt is in the possession of the officers.

Mounted Burglars.

LEONARD, Tex., Feb. 2.—Saturday night two mounted burglars commenced a raid on the town. They first broke in a window of W. T. Womack's grocery store, on the east side of the square, and took a dozen or more oranges, nothing more being missed. They then proceeded to the north side and crashed in the window of the postoffice building. The crash was heard by Justice Ring and Tom May, who at once hastened to the postoffice. When the culprits saw Ring and his companion coming they made for a back alley and mounted their horses that were hitched there. A posse of men at once started in pursuit.

Heir to Millions.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 29.—Lee and Jaye Adams of this city have made the discovery that they are not only descendants of British royalty on the side of the house of Stuart, but that they are heirs to an estate valued at $10,000,000.

Cut His Head Half Off.

NAVASOTA, Tex., Feb. 3.—Saturday night Jeff Gaston carved Jeff Shanks, another negro, with a razor in a gambling row. Shanks is still alive, although his head is said to be cut half off.

TEXAS STATE NEWS NOTES.

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Jewett has been incorporated.

Dublin is still receiving cotton at a very lively rate.

The artesian well at Sherman has reached a depth of 630 feet.

The Abilene artesian well is down 800 feet, with a nine-inch casing.

Grayson county farmers are preparing to sow their spring crop of oats.

An ice factory will be erected at Morgan, Bosque county, immediately.

Caldwell county will build this year five iron bridges at a cost of $6777.75.

A colony of Georgians are settling in the southern portion of Van Zandt county.

A $1000 calaboose is to be erected for the benefit of Greenville's law-breakers.

It has at last been definitely decided that Cuero will have a canning factory.

Mrs. Ann Follandsbie of Anderson fell into the fire a few days ago and was fatally burned.

Vernon's $20,000 school house, the pride of the city, has been completed and school opened.

The enterprising citizens of Fort Worth are agitating the question of a fair to be held next fall.

An ice factory is to be built at Longview, Gregg country. The machinery is already on hand.

The Hubbard City artesian well is now down 600 feet and work progresses without interruption.

About 50,000 bales of cotton will have been compressed at Gainesville by the end of the season.

The Oak Cliff paper mill, with a capacity of from seven to ten tons per day, is ready for business.

Forty-five residences and twenty-four business houses have been built at Lexington during the year.

The prospects for an abundant wheat crop in Greer county were never so encouraging as at present.

The Odd Fellows of Henrietta are arranging for the erection of a new building for the use of that order.

In a runaway a few days ago at Denton William French was seriously hurt by being thrown from his wagon.

A new town has been started and postoffice obtained on Happy Hollow, in the northern part of Swisher county.

As a result of Pittsburg's enterprise she is to have a barrel factory which will soon go into operation at an early date.

The $40,000 school building at Taylor is nearing completion. It is a handsome structure and a credit to the town.

The Commerce club of Gainesville have voted to build an opera house to cost $30,000. Work will commence at once.

Forty feet of water has been obtained at a depth of 113 feet in a well recently bored at a point four miles northeast of Estacado.

The Masonic lodge of San Angelo will at once begin the erection of a magnificent temple of dressed stone, to be three stories high.

Work will soon begin on a fifty foot addition to the railway depot at Seymour. This will make the total length of the building 175 feet.

The prospective extension of the Sanderville, Henrietta and Western railroad to Archer City has put new life into that town and country.

Extensive preparations are being made by Kaufman county farmers for the forthcoming spring work, and all are much elated over the prospects.

Reports from Hardeman county say that wheat looks better than ever before and a large quantity of new land is being prepared for spring crops.

J. F. Buckner fell from the second story of a new brick store house at Arlington a few days ago and was badly though perhaps not fatally injured.

A coffin and trunk factory is to be started at Tyler. Already the preliminary preparations are being made to set this new industry in motion.

Work has now commenced in real earnest on the different improvements of the new town of Myrtle Springs, near the center of Van Zandt county.

A foundry and machine company has been organized at Houston with a capital of $25,000, and it is proposed to put in a plant of twenty tons capacity.

A new bridge is to be built in Henderson county, near Athens, on the Athens and Kaufman road. The bridge will be a great convenience to the public.

Frank McLain, a hotel clerk at Quanah, attempted to shuffle off by the morphine route a few days ago, but the timely arrival of a physician saved his life.

It is reported that the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway company have decided to sink an artesian well at Dublin to supply water for their own use.

The Methodist church at Weatherford, which was begun three years ago, is now almost completed, and will be one of the best church buildings in the state.

Andy Burleson, the 9-year-old son of John Burleson, a farmer living near San Angelo, was run over by a freight train a few days ago and had his leg cut off.

Kaufman is to have a new depot. The material is on hand and work will begin immediately. The building will be a model one and of ample proportions.

It is reported that the acreage of wheat sown in Stonewall county is four times that of any previous year, and the prospects were never brighter for a big crop.

The documents asking for a charter for the First National bank of Mineola, with capital of $50,000, has been forwarded to the comptroller of currency at Washington.

The Wolfe City Stove Foundry company have received their charter. The purpose of the company is to manufacture all kinds of stoves and do a general foundry business.

As a young man named Roberts and the telegraph operator at Duke's station, near Richmond, were going to breakfast a few mornings ago, on a railroad velocipede, during a heavy fog, they were run down by a Santa Fe freight train. Roberts had his skull crushed and is perhaps fatally hurt, while his companion was only slightly injured.

Jennie Anderson, colored, the oldest inhabitant of San Antonio, died a few days ago. The exact date of her birth is not known, but she is said to have been at least 100 years of age.

Dr. Frye, who has been for some time incarcerated in the Kaufman jail on a charge of theft, attempted suicide a few days ago by cutting the main artery in his left arm near the shoulder.

The postoffice at Holland was burglarized a few nights ago. The office occupies the front of a store, and after that had been rifled the thief proceeded to supply himself with dry goods.

The stockholders in the new $30,000 hotel to be built at Cleburne are making arrangements to commence operations early in the spring. The structure is to have every modern convenience.

The little 4-year-old daughter of J. J. Little of Pearsall was recently wounded in the head with a small needle, and although the puncture was scarcely visible, resulted in blood poisoning and death.

A few days ago Wiley King and George Wadley, two colored boys of Hillsboro, were playing with a shotgun when it was accidentally discharged, the full contents entering Wadley's right lung, killing him.

The Pecan Valley fair directors met at Brownwood a few days ago and decided to hold a six days' fair, beginning the 28th day of September, and also to spend $10,000 more in improving their buildings.

Brown county is keeping up with the march of progress. Good bridges now span nearly every stream in the county. Two iron structures, being just completed over Indian creek, are the last finished.

While Louis Edmundson with others was engaged in loading the Spanish steamship Aroya at Galveston he was precipitated down the hatchway of the vessel, sustaining serious if not fatal injuries.

On each of the farms of Levi Hendricks, L. W. Clark and Levi Lallier, near Denison, reside four generations of people. Probably there is no other instance of the kind on record. The farms are adjoining.

The skin of a large panther, which was killed by two boys in Pease river brakes some weeks ago, has been stuffed and mounted and is now on exhibition at Quanah. The animal measured eight feet in length.

A jury of view has been appointed to view out the proposed wagon road across the canyon at Claude. As the necessary amount of money has been raised, work will begin at once and the road rapidly pushed to completion.

A few nights ago two negroes went to the residence of Tony Anderson at Houston, choked his wife and ransacked the house. Several dollars in currency and two gold rings were taken, after which the scoundrels departed.

A new bridge over Hobly's ferry will be built this spring, and then, it is said, no county in the state will be better prepared against high water than Coryell. The $30,000 this bridge will cost is the only debt the county owes.

Everything indicates that Tyler is entering upon a year of unusually rapid growth and prosperity. Many enterprises, now in their incipiency, promise to become actual realizations before another twelve months passes.

As Alamo Code and his cousin, two boys of San Marcos, were returning from a hunt a few nights since, both riding one horse, the animal became frightened and ran away, throwing young Code against a tree and perhaps fatally injuring him.

A large addition is being put to the main building of the Gainesville iron works, which, when completed, will render the capacity of that plant double what it has been in the past, making it sufficient to turn out a ton of castings per day.

J. F. Newman, sheriff of Nelson county, was shot down and dangerously wounded on the most public street in Sweetwater a few nights ago. He was shot in the back at a distance of twenty steps with a shotgun in the hands of an unknown assassin.

During an attack of delirium recently Mrs. James Woolsey, living near Centerville, got up at night and wandered down to a branch near by, into which she fell and was drowned. Her husband was away from home, and the body was not found until next day.

R. D. Plumber was recently arrested at Bonham for passing spurious coin. Twenty-three silver dollars were found in his boots, all counterfeit. They were finely executed, and none but an expert could have told but that they were genuine except by their weight.

The Temple City company, with a capital stock of $50,000, has been organized for the purpose of erecting buildings and the accumulation and loan of funds; for the purchase of real property in the cities, towns and villages in the state and also for the accumulation and loan of money.

Recent excessive rains have caused a suspension of work on the Taylor street railway. It is to be a belt line, three miles and a half long, and to be completed in ninety days. It is being constructed of the best material, so it can be changed to an electric road with but little additional expense.

Miss Gertie Wultmire attempted suicide at Hale City a few days ago by taking all the laudanum she could procure. Fortunately the quantity was too small for fatal effect, and by the prompt aid of a physician she was soon able to be up. The only explanation she gave was that she was tired of life.

C. H. Stevenson, who left Arlington some weeks ago under circumstances which pointed suspiciously to the fact that he had deserted his wife and children and skipped with his pretty typewriter, has been heard from. He denies having deserted his family, but says nothing of the typewriter.

Mad dogs have played havoc among cattle of Bee creek, near Waxahachie, in the past few weeks, and great loss from hydrophobia has been sustained. The most distressing feature of the matter is that some six or eight persons have been bitten by these dogs and grave fears are entertained as to the consequences.

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Foreign Flashes Across the Wave Rife with News of National Moment from Other Lands.

DOMESTIC.

Rosa Barton, colored, died recently at Galesburg, Ill., aged 118.

Henry Crow dropped dead at Grand Rapids, Mich., a few nights ago of heart disease.

Thomas Miers died near Akron, O., recently at the age of 100 years and 5 months.

Brigadier General S. V. Benet, chief of ordinance of the army, has been placed on the retired list.

Harris A. Smiler, a wife murderer, has been sentenced to death by electrocution at New York city.

Counterfeit nickels are in circulation at Brownsburg, Ind., supposed to have been made in the town.

John Kelly shot and killed his father, aged 70, during a drunken row at Boston, Mass., a few days ago.

A measure to create an upper branch of the Chicago city council is under consideration at Springfield, Ill.

At Wabash, Ind., James B. Sago, over 70 years old, fell from a chair a few days since and died instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Beeler of Brooklyn, Ind., have succeeded in rearing twelve sons and seven daughters.

A bill providing for the Australian ballot system only needs the signature of the governor to become a law in Oregon.

Prof. Jesse of New Orleans announces his acceptance of the presidency of the Missouri State university at Columbia.

During a recent fit of temporary insanity, B. B. Hopkins, a broker of New York, cut his throat, inflicting a mortal wound.

Noah Pratt, a stock buyer of Fairmount, Ill., was run over by a horse a few days ago and seriously if not fatally injured.

William Gay Ballantine, professor of Greek at Oberlin College, at Cleveland, O., has been elected president of the institution.

James Miller of Kokomo, Ind., was sent to jail recently for thirty days for refusing to answer the questions of a census taker.

A vein of silver sixteen inches thick has been found on the farm of A. C. Brandt, near Fairfield, Iowa, at a depth of 320 feet.

Milton Tootle, Jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., heir to a million, recently eloped with Belle Gordon, aged 16, the daughter of a poor farmer.

William Smith, an employe of the Grand Trunk railroad, was struck at Marcellus, Mich., by a passenger train and instantly killed.

A bill to prevent the shooting of pigeons in exhibitions of marksmanship, and other like sports, has been introduced in the Illinois senate.

Low water in a saw-mill boiler at Meredith, Mich., caused an explosion a few days ago which killed two men and injured many others.

At Pittsburg, Pa., a few days ago John Kaiser, senior member of the firm of Kaiser, Sons & Co., committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

Near Anderson, Ind., recently Leonard Benzenfower became insane from religious excitement and tried to hang himself but was cut down.

It has been decided by Secretaries Blaine and Tracy that the flagship Charleston shall convey the remains of King Kalakau to Hawaii.

John K. Aydelotte, editor of the Daily Democrat at Hamilton, O., was recently caught in the fly-wheel in the engine room and instantly killed.

Miss Grace Gridley of Amboy, Ill., aged 18, awoke a few days ago from a trance of nine months' duration. She lost little flesh, but is unable to talk.

John Ambrose, night clerk of the Planters' hotel at Sioux City, Ia., had his skull fractured by a burglar a few nights ago. Ambrose cannot recover.

James R. O'Neil, a Chicago and Northwestern conductor, was shot and instantly killed at Long Point, Ia., a few days ago by a burglar concealed in a box-car.

Being told by a medium that her husband was faithless Mrs. Ludwig Anderson poisoned herself and three children at Brockton, Mass., a few days ago.

The State National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., went into voluntary liquidation a few days ago. It was organized in January, 1887, with a capital of $250,000.

John Baske while oiling machinery at Pittsburg, Pa., recently was caught by a shaft and whirled around until his legs were threshed off above the knees. He will die.

John Larson, the noted thief, forger and mortgage jumper, has been sentenced at Mason City to three years in the Iowa penitentiary for stealing flax from his brother.

Seven thousand dollars were found recently in the hut of a hermit on the banks of the Connecticut river. The miser died in squalor, and the find of property is a surprise.

Leocatia Harrington, known as Leo Coles, a former actress, aged 22 years, committed suicide a few days ago by shooting herself through the heart at New York.

The board of revision, which has been investigating the license department of the Cincinnati city government, have recommended that City Comptroller Stevens be indicted.

Of a population of 13,913 of school age in Champaign county, Illinois, but nine between the ages of 12 and 21 are unable to read or write, and of this number six are mentally weak.

At Fort Morgan, Col., recently Mrs. Thomas Bennett hanged herself. Her mind was unbalanced through the loss of her husband's savings by the failure of a bank at Greeley.

At Saginaw, Mich., recently a successful skin-grafting operation was performed on Miss Sarah Little, who was badly burned while dressing for a party. Her sister, Miss Louise, furnished the necessary cuticles, and withstood the trying ordeal heroically, eleven pieces being taken from her.

Mrs. Julia Higbee, who recently poisoned her four children at her home near Brandenburg, Ky., has been found by a jury to be demented and will be sent to the asylum.

David Skiwinski, a New York salesman, was engaged to a Huntington, Pa., girl. She wrote him breaking the engagement, and a few days ago he went to her town and hanged himself.

It has been discovered that Ethel Towne, acquitted of forgery recently at Terre Haute, had passed several worthless checks in St. Louis in 1889, where she was known as Helen M. Rogers.

Judge Edgerton has refused the application for appointment of a receiver for the Canton, (S. D.) bank, having found that the bank was solvent and the application but a dispute as to who shall control.

The mail carrier between Whitesburg, Ky., and Big Stone Gap, Va., had been missing since the recent heavy snow and was not found until recently. He had been shot twice and the mail pouch robbed.

At Downieville, Cal., recently John Trebino died of trichiniasis; another of the family is dangerously sick and two others are recovering from the same disease. They all ate half-cooked pork Dec. 29.

The result of the canvass conducted by two farmers' papers shows that Cleveland is the choice of Democratic farmers by a vote of 71,787 to 17,118 for Hill. Republicans are for Blaine by 39,209 to 31,013 for Harrison.

At New York recently a carriage in which Senator Stanford was riding came in collision with a street car. The senator was thrown out, receiving a cut on the left temple and bruises on his arm and shoulder.

Surrogate Ransom has decided in the Robert Ray Hamilton contested will case at New York that the marriage of Eva L. Hamilton and Robert Ray Hamilton is void, and that Eva is still the wife of Joshua J. Mann.

August Kopp and Mrs. Henry Van Pelt have been arrested in Chicago, charged with eloping from a little town in Belgium, Kopp having a wife and six children and Mrs. Van Pelt a husband and five children.

All Chinese laundrymen and labrsere have been driven from the towns of Western Athene and Adams, Ore., by mobs. At Milton a Chinaman refused to leave, and was dragged for some distance with a rope around his neck.

A humane bureau has been established at Kansas City to prevent the shipping of hogs and cattle in the same cars, resulting in many of the animals being maimed or killed. Several shippers have been fined for their cruel economy in al matters.

At Burbourville, Ky., a few days ago, Esp Moore, chargod with murdering Harvey Steele two years ago and with killing David Campbell recently, shot himself through the head, causing instant death. His trial was to have begun in an hour.

A Swedish servant killed himself a few nights ago in the residence of C. P. Huntington, the railway magnate at New York. Mrs. Huntington was entertaining friends at the time, but her husband had the body removed without her or their knowledge.

At Irving, Kan., a few days since a passenger train, carrying among others the Seventh cavalry returning from Pine Ridge, collided with a freight train. The engineers and firemen were killed and several of the passengers injured, but it is not known whether any of the cavalry were hurt.

Citizens of Woodville, Miss., in mass meeting a few days ago adopted a resolution warning S. A. Bradford, who wrecked a pay train on the L., E. O. and T. railroad recently, and escaped punishment through a technicality, to leave the county immediately and never to return, on pain of death.

A party of Indians made an attack recently on the ranch of Noah Newbanks, near Lower Spring Creek, S. D. Bullets fired by Newbanks and his men drove the hostiles across the Cheyenne river, and as blood stains were found on the grass it is believed that some of the Reds were wounded.

FOREIGN.

Belfort, France, had three earthquake shocks recently.

A ton of tobacco, smuggled from Key West, has been seized at Havana.

Seven fishermen have crossed the Zuyder Zee on the ice—not done before since 1740.

About twenty more fishermen left Halifax recently for the Behring sea seal fishery.

The French deputies have appropriated $200,000 more to relieve the sufferers by cold and storm.

News from Japan's capital is that the recently opened Parliament house has been destroyed by fire.

Germany is getting milder weather with rain. Efforts to move ice-bound shipping at Hamburg has begun.

The Anglican cathedral in Melbourne, Victoria, has been consecrated with elaborate and imposing ceremonies.

It is announced that Signor Crispi's daughter has been betrothed to Signor Cellere, a nephew of Cardinal Macchi.

A letter from Lord Salisbury is published in which he asserts that there is no ground for believing in early dissolution of parliament probable.

It is reported that Sir John MacDonald has definitely decided to dissolve the Canadian parliament and appeal to the country the last week in February.

The house occupied by Robert Sharpe, Port Hope, Ont., was destroyed by fire a few nights since. Mr. Sharpe was slightly burned and one of his children was burned to a crisp.

The St. Petersburg press urges Russia to seize the Pamir plateau, the extensive tableland of Central Asia, called by the natives the "Roof of the World," in order to prevent the British from occupying it.

The King of Abyssinia has asked the French government to give a port near Obock in return for the concessions granted a French company to construct and work a railway from that place to the interior of Abyssinia.

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THURSDAY, Feb. 5, 1891.

EDITORIALS.

The Alliance campmeeting project is gathering strength fast.

This seems to be an age of reform. Watch the Alliance ball roll.

Monopoly is a huge thing, but the good book reminds us that a mountain can be removed by the agency of faith.

The Dallas News gave the Dallas county jail a write-up last Sunday. This paper had an experience of that kind a few years ago.

The good citizens who have reluctantly stood aloof from the Alliance in the past are now knocking for admission. Let them in.

The political atmosphere of our nation is undergoing such rapid changes that like Texas weather it is hard to guess what it will be in the near future.

It is amusing to notice the democratic press rejoicing over the defeat of Ingalls, while the principles of those who defeated Ingalls have been denounced as being undemocratic.

In our brief journey here we should strive to make others happy. It is only a little way from the cradle to the grave. To live right we have all to gain, while to live wrong we have all to lose.

Churches have been abandoned by their ministers on the western frontier of Kansas, on account of the people's poverty. It is published that some of the ministers had to live on corn meal and sorghum.

We have received a copy of "Black Beauty" from Geo. T. Angle, Boston, Mass. It is a thrilling novel, supposed to have been written by a horse by the name of "Black Beauty," in which the history of that animal is given with all its varied experiences. The book is calculated to excite sympathy for the dumb animals and consequently is likely to do much good.

Senator John H. Reagan, in writing to T. M. Smith of Blooming Grove, Tex., under date of January 24, says that while he regrets the necessity of labor organizing, he thinks, owing to the combination of capital, it is a mode of defense which he is in accord with. He believes, however, that the sub-treasury bill is not in keeping with the constitution. Verily, the boys are stepping to the Alliance march.

A Brilliant Idea.

(Greenville Herald.)

The McKinney DEMOCRAT says "there is no longer doubt about our little neighbor, Greenville, having electric lights." Why, bless your soul, no, neighbor; we've got 'em. As a solution of the light problem in McKinney we suggest to the editor of the DEMOCRAT that he have the city fathers employ Thompson of the Gazette to sit upon the courthouse dome. Those brilliant red locks of his would at least illuminate the square. To get the full effect of the light, stand him upon his head; his feet will make the best kind of a shade, and also protect the building from any storms that might blow up during the night.

An Open Letter to Bro. Flippen.

McKINNEY, Jan. 31, 1891.

Editor Democrat:

DEAR SIR: I told you that I was not opposed to the bankers, but was opposed to the principle on which the national banks was started. First, my opinion is that the bankers have shaped their banks to suit themselves and that the people were first robbed of the money that started the first national banks. You want my reason why I think so? Here it is: The first robbery was the back salary grab. Congress voted themselves seven thousand five hundred dollars back salary, added two thousand dollars to their regular salary which gave them nine thousand five hundred dollars for a starter; voted Grant twenty-five thousand dollars extra each year which gave him a nice little starter for a bank. Of course that greased his pen so that the bill could be signed sure. He popped his name to it. The next steal was through a pretended loan to the Northern Pacific railroad. She wanted to borrow sixty-two millions of dollars to complete her road. Congress loaned her the money and pretended to take a mortgage on their road. We lost that sixty-two millions. How? For the want of one man in congress who could read writing and had honesty enough to object to the loan, and show the record that there was a loan a head of this pretended mortgage, and a mortgage to secure it. That was all we needed, one man who did not belong to the banks and railroads. My opinion is, that that money was divided with congress and the banks and rail. roads. Sixty-two millions was another nice little starter for banks. Was that all? No, sir. Worse than that, congress put down greenbacks to forty cents on the dollsr in silver. Now, Mr. Banker takes forty thousand dollars in silver and buys one hundred thousand dollars in greenbacks. He takes that hundred thousand dollars of greenbacks and buys a hundred thousand dollar bond. He files that bond in the United States treasury, which bond draws interest from date of file. Is that all? No, sir. That same bond is exempt from taxation forever. Is that all? No, sir. Mister Banker now makes application for a charter to start a national bank. Does he get it? Yes, sir. What next? He has the right by law to strike ninety thousand dollars extra. That gives him one hundred and ninety thousand dollars for forty thousand in silver. Did that satisfy Mister Banker? No, Sir. What next? Congress demonetized silver. What effect did that have on the banks? It only placed five hundred millions of dollars more in the bankers' hands. Who lost that money? The poorest people that ever lived—barefooted women and children lost that five hundred millions. Did that robbery satisfy Mister Bankers? No, sir. What next? Congress exempted from taxation that ninety thousand dollars of greenbacks that they gave to each banker, and all other greenbacks that should fall into their hands forever. The question will be asked, Are all the banks of the United States exempt from taxation? Yes, sir, so far as their hundred thousand dollar bond is concerned, that the foundation of the bank is on. It is exempt and all their greenback that they may have on hand is exempt from taxation.

Bro. Flippen, have you not noticed that just before the 1st of January every year that the country is flooded with gold and silver, and no greenback in circulation? You see the farmer has to shoulder the gold and silver when taxpaying time comes, but as soon as tax paying time is over then the banks lay the gold and silver aside, so if the government should fail they have the gold and silver to fall back on, while the poor as usual have the greenbacks to lose. Is that all the government has done for the banks? No, sir. Worse robbery than that. An honest man will say, what could be worse than robbing the people of money to start these brnks? Answer. It is worse to rob the people of their money—your money and my money—to run these same banks with.

Question—Has that been done?

Answer—Yes, sir.

Question—By what party?

Answer—By both parties.

Now, my brother, the next charge you will make against me will be that I am in favor of a third party. I will answer that now. There cannot be a third party until there is no second party. Now on banks both parties are the same. If you deny that charge you shall have the proof.

If I am mistaken in any assertion I have made I want to be corrected.

JOHN JOHNSON.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 1891.

A rather amusing dialogue occured at a Washington hotel this week between two gentlemen widely characteristics, Col. Robert G. Ingersoll and Hon. Jeff Chandler, both attracted here to hear the arguments before the United States Supreme Court in the notorious Behring Sea case.

"Hello, Chandler," said the big pagan lawyer, extending his large, open hand to his smaller friend, "accept my congratulations."

"On what?" asked Mr. Chandler suspiciously, his eye twinkling with merriment.

"Why on your being elected to the senate to succeed Vest."

"But I haven't been elected to the senate," protested Mr. Chandler.

"You haven't?" queried the colonel seriously.

"No," shortly replied Mr. Chandler, appearing to be slightly irritated.

"Didn't you tell me in New York last summer that you would certainly succeed Mr. Vest."

"Er-er-yes, I believe I did."

"Hasen't Vest's successor been named."

"Yes."

"Then why isn't my congratulations proper."

"Simply because his successors name is Vest."

"Oh!" exciaimed Col. Ingersoll, and unable to hold in longer he shook with laughter in which Mr. Chandler and several mutual friends who had gathered around joined heartily, and somebody suggested that Mr. Chandler should apply for sympathy to Messrs Farwell, Blair, Ingalls et al, whatever that may mean.

The debate in the Behring Sea case may have been intensely interesting to the learned justices who sat on the bench and to the large number of prominent lawyers from every section of the country who had come here expressly to hear, but, I confess that to me it was very, very dull, as are indeed most of the arguments in our highest courts. Every point covered by the argument had long ago been discounted by the enterprising newspaper correspondents.

The social program at the White House has been somewhat disarranged this week by the indisposition of Mrs. Harrison, who is just sick enough to be confined to her room.

The last turn of the senatorial kaleidescope has put a terrible strain upon the personal relations of a number of members of that august body. Senator Aldrich does not speak as he passes Senator Stewart, Wolcott and Teller, and Senator Stafford finds numerous cold shoulders turned toward him; and many and dire are the threats of "getting even" that are being quietly indulged in by gentlemen who are disappointed because things have not turned out as they wishd them—they seldom do in this world, which manages to give us all disapointments and some of us nothing else.

Senator Vance earned new laurels during the recent long and tedious night sessions of the senate by exercising his incomparable gifts of mimicry to pleasantly while away the time for his tired and bored colleagues in both parties. His greatest feat is an imitation of banjo picking and singing a plantation song simultaneously, and any person hearing him without seeing him, would be ready to swear that they were listening to the music of a banjo. When asked how he succeeded in making this remarkable imitation the genial tarheel replied in plantation dialect "oh, dats a trick we hab down Souf."

Secretary Windom has awarded a silver life-saving medal to Daniel J. Ragan, of Boston, for having saved Theodore Wuestman from drowning in Boston harbor July, 4, 1890

Jacks and Jennettes.

Stock men wanting some good term jacks and jennetts will do well to address J. F. Baker, Denton, Texas.

Mr. J. A. Bossett was in the city on Monday last.

From Bois d' Arc Community.

BOIS D' ARC, Jan. 1., 1891.

Editor Democrat:

I thought I would write you a few dots from our community, as I have not seen anything in your paper from us.

We are having plenty rain and mud. Mud is no object in our neighborhood, for it is about three feet deep in some places.

Farmers are getting discouraged about so much rain, but there is plenty of time to prepare the land for the coming crop.

School is progressing nicely. Everybody is pleased with the teacher, Mr. Cellas Cable. He is a good teacher, and capable of teaching a good school.

The mumps have visited our neighborhood and there were some serious cases.

Tom Muse, Sr., is going to plant about eight acres of onions this year. He is a successful onion raiser.

Capt. Wygle is doing some fencing on his farm. He is putting up a good fence, for he purchased the best lumber in town. He says he is going to have a good fence or none.

Capt. Ed Stiff was out on his farm this week.

Mr. E. A. Kirkland has purchased a new sulky rake and is doing some good work with it, raking cotton stalks. Every farmer ought to have one.

Arthur Lawrence of our neighborhood has been sick some time, but is convalescent.

We had a show to come through our neighborhood the other day. It was disgusting to look at. It was the running gears of a wagon and two men on it. One was tied on the wagon with a rope to keep him from falling off and the other was driving, but he was so drunk he could not see the road and drove into the ditch. That is what whisky does for a man. It makes a blind fool and a hog out of him. I am for prohibition straightout. ("Christmas!" here, too—Com.)

Success to the DEMOCRAT.

ORPHAN BOY.

From Woodlawn.

WOODLAWN, Feb. 1. 91.

Editor Democrat.

We want to inform our friends who think that Woodlawn is dead, that she has got a move on herself at last.

Although to-day was the regular day for the Christians to have services at this place the roads were so muddy and the weather so unfavorable that the minister failed to appear. His next appointment will be the first Sunday in March The members of the Christian chnrch have communion services here every Sunday evening.

Bro. Sterrett also failed to fill his usual appointment on the 4th Sunday in January, owing to being too unwell to come. We hope he will fill his next appointment and that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The measles are raging in our quiet neighborhood and it is feared that they will break up the school. The family of Mr. Blankenship are confined to the house with them; also Mr. Bridges family.

The young folks of this vicinity have singing very often at Mr. Kaufman's.

It is thought that a literary society would be an admirable feature to our neighborhood.

CHATTER BOX.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage license have been issued, by County Clerk Keene, since our last report:

T. J. Ransom and Ida T. Marshall, C. P. Standifer and Georgia Ruthford, G. W. Duncan and L. A. Huston, Haden Johnson and Delia Shumack, W. A. Skelton and Ida Bell Coziul, Fay Patterson and Josie Jones, I. M. Downs and Mary Ann Wilson, J. T. Richardson and Mrs. Alice N. Hoston, F. B. Mount and Amanda Riley, R. J. Milligan and Liddie Lewis, Wm. J. Bosen and Lou Bryant, W. C. Vincent and Tommie Wilcoxson, J. C. Casteel and Mattie Richardson, P. L. Cox and Mattie Carruth, J. Y. Turnbill and A. E. Ward, M. T. Hardin and B. L. Shuman, J. P. Hays and M. E Scott, W. A. J. Goodman and Mary Ann Angline.

M. W. Younger was in to see us last Monday.

☞Cancers, old sores and all skin affections quickly cured by Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio's superior treatment.

Mr. E. C Thompson, a merchant of Lavon, gave us a pleasant call last Monday.

☞Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio can permanently relieve that constipated condition of your bowels in a short time.

"A RACE WITH DEATH!"

Among the nameless heroes, none are more worthy of martyrdom than he who rode down the valley of the Conemaugh, warning the people ahead of the Johnstown flood. Mounted on a powerful horse, faster and faster went the rider, but the flood was swiftly gaining, until it caught the unlucky horseman and swept on, grinding, crushing, annihilating both weak and strong.

In the same way is disease lurking near, like unto the sword of Damocles, ready to fall, without warning, on its victim, who allows his system to become clogged up, and his blood poisoned, and thereby his health endangered. To eradicate these poisons from the system, no matter what their name or nature, and save yourself a spell of malarial, typhoid or bilious fever, or eruptions, swellings, tumors and kindred disfigurements, keep the liver and kidneys healthy and vigorous, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's the only blood-purifier sold *on trial*. Your money is returned if it doesn't do exactly as recommended. A concentrated vegetable extract. Sold by druggists, in large bottles, at $1.00.

It is believed that a sign should be erected in front of the postoffice for the convenience of strangers.

It has been rumored that a case of smallpox had been discovered in the neighborhood of Forest Grove. It has not been verified to date.

Sugar Chill Cure is a sure cure for chills and is as sweet as sugar, guaranteed not to contain poison of any kind. No cure no pay.

☞Consult Drs Brown & Gee-Nio regarding the cause of your rheumatism and neuralgia. They knock it out in short order.

McKinney is gradually spreading out. It never shrinks like most of the neighboring towns.

☞Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, while handling successfully all chronic diseases have a treatment that is an absolute cure for catarrh and catarrhal deafness.

Urge your neighbor to subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

We have been complimented so much lately by members of the Collin county Alliance for defending said organization, that we feel grateful for the appreciation. We are going to strive to keep abreast with Alliance demands and we earnestly hope that the members will aid us in every possible way.

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NOTICE!

This is the last week of our winter clearing sale. We are offering all winter goods at one-half price. These were the orders from M. Aron, by telegraph Wednesday, as he informs us he has bought a larger and finer stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, carpets, etc., than ever before and we must make room, so come at once and secure these bargains now.

We have secured the sole agency of the noted

Electric Insole Shoe,

the only thing of the kind in the market. This shoe cures rheumatism, neuralgia, gout, coughs, colds, etc. We have this remarkable shoe now on exhibition and ask the public to inspect the same. We are also recieving a fine line of Spring and Summer clothing; which we will sell remarkably cheap, as we do not have to pay any duty on same.

Hoping you will give us a call, when on north side of public square.

Respectfully,

MORRIS ARON.

We have the following described farms for sale:

116 Acres, 75 in cultivation, balance in mesquite pasture, with ordinary farm hnuses and other improvements, 1-2 mile north of Engleman, at $25 per acre, with 20 acres timber at $5 per acre; near to church, school, store, gin, etc.

287 Acres, 215 in cultivation, fine wheat land, balance in pasture, a splendid house of 10 rooms, 2 good barns, cisterns tanks, &c., high, healthy, desirable place; will be sold at a special bargain.

44 3-4 Acres, 4 miles southeast of McKinney, a splendid little farm at $20 per acre

69 1-4 acres, 1 mile west of McKinney, adjoining Wood Hill's and J J Thompson's farms, 65 in cultivation, with farm honse and other improvements, plenty good running water and the very finest of soil. Price $3000; will trade in part for house and lot in McKinney.

121 Acre farm with 70 in cultivation, balance in pasture; a good 4 room house nearly new and other improvements, 5 miles south of McKinney, at $20 per acre.

106 Acres, 3 1-2 miles Northeast of McKinney, 60 in cultivation, balance in pasture, splendid fences, good house, water and timber, price $25 per acre.

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THURSDAY, Feb. 5, 1891.

EDITORIALS.

The Alliance campmeeting project is gathering strength fast.

This seems to be an age of reform. Watch the Alliance ball roll.

Monopoly is a huge thing, but the good book reminds us that a mountain can be removed by the agency of faith.

The Dallas News gave the Dallas county jail a write-up last Sunday. This paper had an experience of that kind a few years ago.

The good citizens who have reluctantly stood aloof from the Alliance in the past are now knocking for admission. Let them in.

The political atmosphere of our nation is undergoing such rapid changes that like Texas weather it is hard to guess what it will be in the near future.

It is amusing to notice the democratic press rejoicing over the defeat of Ingalls, while the principles of those who defeated Ingalls have been denounced as being undemocratic.

In our brief journey here we should strive to make others happy. It is only a little way from the cradle to the grave. To live right we have all to gain, while to live wrong we have all to lose.

Churches have been abandoned by their ministers on the western frontier of Kansas, on account of the people's poverty. It is published that some of the ministers had to live on corn meal and sorghum.

We have received a copy of "Black Beauty" from Geo. T. Angle, Boston, Mass. It is a thrilling novel, supposed to have been written by a horse by the name of "Black Beauty," in which the history of that animal is given with all its varied experiences. The book is calculated to excite sympathy for the dumb animals and consequently is likely to do much good.

Senator John H. Reagan, in writing to T. M. Smith of Blooming Grove, Tex., under date of January 24, says that while he regrets the necessity of labor organizing, he thinks, owing to the combination of capital, it is a mode of defense which he is in accord with. He believes, however, that the sub-treasury bill is not in keeping with the constitution. Verily, the boys are stepping to the Alliance march.

A Brilliant Idea.

(Greenville Herald.)

The McKinney DEMOCRAT says "there is no longer doubt about our little neighbor, Greenville, having electric lights." Why, bless your soul, no, neighbor; we've got 'em. As a solution of the light problem in McKinney we suggest to the editor of the DEMOCRAT that he have the city fathers employ Thompson of the Gazette to sit upon the courthouse dome. Those brilliant red locks of his would at least illuminate the square. To get the full effect of the light, stand him upon his head; his feet will make the best kind of a shade, and also protect the building from any storms that might blow up during the night.

An Open Letter to Bro. Flippen,

McKINNEY, Jan. 31, 1891.

Editor Democrat:

DEAR SIR: I told you that I was not opposed to the bankers, but was opposed to the principle on which the national banks was started. First, my opinion is that the bankers have shaped their banks to suit themselves and that the people were first robbed of the money that started the first national banks. You want my reason why I think so? Here it is: The first robbery was the back salary grab. Congress voted themselves seven thousand five hundred dollars back salary, added two thousand dollars to their regular salary which gave them nine thousand five hundred dollars for a starter; voted Grant twenty-five thousand dollars extra each year which gave him a nice little starter for a bank. Of course that greased his pen so that the bill could be signed sure. He popped his name to it. The next steal was through a pretended loan to the Northern Pacific railroad. She wanted to borrow sixty-two millions of dollars to complete her road. Congress loaned her the money and pretended to take a mortgage on their road. We lost that sixty-two millions. How? For the want of one man in congress who could read writing and had honesty enough to object to the loan, and show the record that there was a loan a head of this pretended mortgage, and a mortgage to secure it. That was all we needed, one man who did not belong to the banks and railroads. My opinion is, that that money was divided with congress and the banks and railroads. Sixty-two millions was another nice little starter for banks. Was that all? No, sir. Worse than that, congress put down greenbacks to forty cents on the dollar in silver. Now, Mr. Banker takes forty thousand dollars in silver and buys one hundred thousand dollars in greenbacks. He takes that hundred thousand dollars of greenbacks and buys a hundred thousand dollar bond. He files that bond in the United States treasury, which bond draws interest from date of file. Is that all? No, sir. That same bond is exempt from taxation forever. Is that all? No, sir. Mister Banker now makes application for a charter to start a national bank. Does he get it? Yes, sir. What next? He has the right by law to strike ninety thousand dollars extra. That gives him one hundred and ninety thousand dollars for forty thousand in silver. Did that satisfy Mister Banker? No, Sir. What next? Congress demonetized silver. What effect did that have on the banks? It only placed five hundred millions of dollars more in the bankers' hands. Who lost that money? The poorest people that ever lived—barefooted women and children lost that five hundred millions. Did that robbery satisfy Mister Bankers? No, sir. What next? Congress exempted from taxation that ninety thousand dollars of greenbacks that they gave to each banker, and all other greenbacks that should fall into their hands forever. The question will be asked, Are all the banks of the United States exempt from taxation? Yes, sir, so far as their hundred thousand dollar bond is concerned, that the foundation of the bank is on. It is exempt and all their greenback that they may have on hand is exempt from taxation.

Bro. Flippen, have you not noticed that just before the 1st of January every year that the country is flooded with gold and silver, and no greenback in circulation? You see the farmer has to shoulder the gold and silver when taxpaying time comes, but as soon as tax paying time is over then the banks lay the gold and silver aside, so if the government should fail they have the gold and silver to fall back on, while the poor as usual have the greenbacks to lose. Is that all the government has done for the banks? No, sir. Worse robbery than that. An honest man will say, what could be worse than robbing the people of money to start these brnks? Answer. It is worse to rob the people of their money—your money and my money—to run these same banks with.

Question—Has that been done?

Answer—Yes, sir!

Question—By what party?

Answer—By both parties.

Now, my brother, the next charge you will make against me will be that I am in favor of a third party. I will answer that now. There cannot be a third party until there is no second party. Now on banks both parties are the same. If you deny that charge you shall have the proof.

If I am mistaken in any assertion I have made I want to be corrected.

JOHN JOHNSON.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 1891.

A rather amusing dialogue occured at a Washington hotel this week between two gentlemen widely characteristics, Col. Robert G. Ingersoll and Hon. Jeff Chandler, both attracted here to hear the arguments before the United States Supreme Court in the notorious Behring Sea case.

"Hello, Chandler," said the big pagan lawyer, extending his large, open hand to his smaller friend, "accept my congratulations."

"On what?" asked Mr. Chandler suspiciously, his eye twinkling with merriment.

"Why on your being elected to the senate to succeed Vest."

"But I haven't been elected to the senate," protested Mr. Chandler.

"You haven't?" queried the colonel seriously.

"No," shortly replied Mr. Chandler, appearing to be slightly irritated.

"Didn't you tell me in New York last summer that you would certainly succeed Mr. Vest."

"Er-er-yes, I believe I did."

"Hasen't Vest's successor been named."

"Yes."

"Then why isn't my congratulations proper."

"Simply because his successors name is Vest."

"Oh!" exciaimed Col. Ingersoll, and unable to hold in longer he shook with laughter in which Mr. Chandler and several mutual friends who had gathered around joined heartily, and somebody suggested that Mr. Chandler should apply for sympathy to Messrs Farwell, Blair, Ingalls et al, whatever that may mean.

The debate in the Behring Sea case may have been intensely interesting to the learned justices who sat on the bench and to the large number of prominent lawyers from every section of the country who had come here expressly to hear, but, I confess that to me it was very, very dull, as are indeed most of the arguments in our highest courts. Every point covered by the argument had long ago been discounted by the enterprising newspaper correspondents.

The social program at the White House has been somewhat disarranged this week by the indisposition of Mrs. Harrison, who is just sick enough to be confined to her room.

The last turn of the senatorial kaleidescope has put a terrible strain upon the personal relations of a number of members of that august body. Senator Aldrich does not speak as he passes Senator Stewart, Wolcott and Teller, and Senator Stafford finds numerous cold shoulders turned toward him; and many and dire are the threats of "getting even" that are being quietly indulged in by gentlemen who are disappointed because things have not turned out as they wishd them—they seldom do in this world, which manages to give us all disapointments and some of us nothing else.

Senator Vance earned new laurels during the recent long and tedious night sessions of the senate by exercising his incomparable gifts of mimicry to pleasantly while away the time for his tired and bored colleagues in both parties. His greatest feat is an imitation of banjo picking and singing a plantation song simultaneously, and any person hearing him without seeing him, would be ready to swear that they were listening to the music of a banjo. When asked how he succeeded in making this remarkable imitation the genial tarheel replied in plantation dialect "oh, dats a trick we hab down Souf."

Secretary Windom has awarded a silver life-saving medal to Daniel J. Ragan, of Boston, for having saved Theodore Wuestman from drowning in Boston harbor July, 4, 1890

Jacks and Jennettes.

Stock men wanting some good term jacks and jennetts will do well to address J. F. Baker, Denton, Texas.

Mr. J. A. Bossett was in the city on Monday last.

From Bois d' Arc Community.

BOIS D' ARC, Jan. 1., 1891.

Editor Democrat:

I thought I would write you a few dots from our community, as I have not seen anything in your paper from us.

We are having plenty rain and mud. Mud is no object in our neighborhood, for it is about three feet deep in some places.

Farmers are getting discouraged about so much rain, but there is plenty of time to prepare the land for the coming crop.

School is progressing nicely. Everybody is pleased with the teacher, Mr. Cellas Cable. He is a good teacher, and capable of teaching a good school.

The mumps have visited our neighborhood and there were some serious cases.

Tom Muse, Sr., is going to plant about eight acres of onions this year. He is a successful onion raiser.

Capt. Wygle is doing some fencing on his farm. He is putting up a good fence, for he purchased the best lumber in town. He says he is going to have a good fence or none.

Capt. Ed Stiff was out on his farm this week.

Mr. E. A. Kirkland has purchased a new sulky rake and is doing some good work with it, raking cotton stalks. Every farmer ought to have one.

Arthur Lawrence of our neighborhood has been sick some time, but is convalescent.

We had a show to come through our neighborhood the other day. It was disgusting to look at. It was the running gears of a wagon and two men on it. One was tied on the wagon with a rope to keep him from falling off and the other was driving, but he was so drunk he could not see the road and drove into the ditch. That is what whisky does for a man. It makes a blind fool and a hog out of him. I am for prohibition straightout. ("Christmas!" here, too—Com.)

Success to the DEMOCRAT.

ORPHAN BOY.

From Woodlawn.

WOODLAWN, Feb. 1, 91.

Editor Democrat.

We want to inform our friends who think that Woodlawn is dead, that she has got a move on herself at last.

Although to-day was the regular day for the Christians to have services at this place the roads were so muddy and the weather so unfavorable that the minister failed to appear. His next appointment will be the first Sunday in March The members of the Christian church have communion services here every Sunday evening.

Bro. Sterrett also failed to fill his usual appointment on the 4th Sunday in January, owing to being too unwell to come. We hope he will fill his next appointment and that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The measles are raging in our quiet neighborhood and it is feared that they will break up the school. The family of Mr. Blankenship are confined to the house with them; also Mr. Bridges family.

The young folks of this vicinity have singing very often at Mr. Kaufman's.

It is thought that a literary society would be an admirable feature to our neighborhood.

CHATTER BOX.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage license have been issued, by County Clerk Keene, since our last report:

T. J. Ransom and Ida T. Marshall, C. P. Standifer and Georgia Ruthford, G. W. Duncan and L. A. Huston, Haden Johnson and Delia Shumack, W. A. Skelton and Ida Bell Coziul, Fay Patterson and Josie Jones, I. M. Downs and Mary Ann Wilson, J. T. Richardson and Mrs. Alice N. Hoston, F. B. Mount and Amanda Riley, R. J. Milligan and Liddie Lewis, Wm. J. Bosen and Lou Bryant, W. C. Vincent and Tommie Wilcoxson, J. C. Casteel and Mattie Richardson, P. L. Cox and Mattie Carruth, J. Y. Turnbill and A. E. Ward, M. T. Hardin and B. L. Shuman, J. P. Hays and M. E Scott, W. A. J. Goodman and Mary Ann Angline.

M. W. Younger was in to see us last Monday.

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Mr. E. C Thompson, a merchant of Lavon, gave us a pleasant call last Monday.

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"A RACE WITH DEATH!"

Among the nameless heroes, none are more worthy of martyrdom than he who rode down the valley of the Conemaugh, warning the people ahead of the Johnstown flood. Mounted on a powerful horse, faster and faster went the rider, but the flood was swiftly gaining, until it caught the unlucky horseman and swept on, grinding, crushing, annihilating both weak and strong.

In the same way is disease lurking near, like unto the sword of Damocles, ready to fall, without warning, on its victim, who allows his system to become clogged up, and his blood poisoned, and thereby his health endangered. To eradicate these poisons from the system, no matter what their name or nature, and save yourself a spell of malarial, typhoid or bilious fever, or eruptions, swellings, tumors and kindred disfigurements, keep the liver and kidneys healthy and vigorous, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's the only blood-purifier sold *on trial*. Your money is returned if it doesn't do exactly as recommended. A concentrated vegetable extract. Sold by druggists, in large bottles, at $1.00.

It is believed that a sign should be erected in front of the postoffice for the convenience of strangers.

It has been rumored that a case of smallpox had been discovered in the neighborhood of Forest Grove. It has not been verified to date.

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Urge your neighbor to subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

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Respectfully,

MORRIS ARON.

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287 Acres, 215 in cultivation, fine wheat land, balance in pasture, a splendid house of 10 rooms, 2 good barns, cisterns tanks, &c., high, healthy, desirable place; will be sold at a special bargain.

44 3-4 Acres, 4 miles southeast of McKinney, a splendid little farm at $20 per acre

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EWS.

S. H. CO[illegible]nson, Jr. has [illegible]city Engineer, but is convalescent.

Don't fail to get Sugar Chill Cure. A sure for chills and fever, dumb , etc. Sold on a guarantee. Children cry for it.

Why will you suffer with eyes, granulated lids and rted lashes when Drs. wn & Gee-Nio, the specialists, can cure

ast Frok was out of banks Saturday morning.

dy, the wife of a prominent merchant in Corsicana, Texas, says: "I been a long sufferer from female ase, constipation and indigestion. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup d me."

Tinware and glassware bottom prices at the Nickel re.

Editor J. L. Wilson, of the aminer, returned from a business trip to Arizona last Sunday.

he manner in which Dr. Thurmond's e Star Catarrh Cure is used gives it erior advantages over all other catarrh medicines that I have noticed. I e prescribed it and in every case a good results.

Dr. HARDEN NANCE.
Illonois Bend, Texas.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, e specialists, straighten cross es in one minute without in.

Kent K. Kerr passed through e city last Sunday en route Bowie to attend the meeting the district Alliance.

Will be found an excellent remedy sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from ople who have used them prove this ct. Try them.

Ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs for 5 cents a piece at e Nickel store,

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, e specialists, will remain at e Foote House till March st. They have never been known to break faith with the ublic or their patients. Their eputation is two valuable.

Miss Anna Bowen went to Navasota, Grimes county, this week on a visit to relatives.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill, small dose, small price.

Every thing from a steam engine to a collar button at the Nickel store.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, positively cure rectal ulcers in from one to two treatments, fissure in one treatment. fistula five to seven without knife.

A colored man received a severe cut across the nose last Tuesday night while going to his home in the "Run." He says he don't know who hit him.

The well known strengthning properties of IRON, combined with those tonics and a most perfect nervine, are found in Carter's Iron Pills, which strengthen the nerves and body, and improve the blood and complexion.

The Nickel store is now located on East Virginia street next to new postoffice.

In leaving our old stand on the west side of the square, we carry with us the memory of the pleasant associations connected therewith.

Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup cured me of rheumatism, constipation and indigestion of fifteen years' standing. LOUIS LESTERJETT.
Dallas, Texas.

After many years' suffering with catarrh of the head and kidneys two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Catarrh Cure produced most beneficial results. REV. WM J. BASSETT.
Gainesville, Texas.

E. W. Kirkpatrick returned from Aransas Pass last week, where he has been looking after nursery interests. He says that he gained ten pounds while he was gone.

Drs Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, radically cure hemorrhoids or piles, internal, external, itching, dry or bleeding in a single treatment without use of knife, caustic, ligature or hypodermic needle, in one minute. Try them and be convinced.

The Nickel store is still in town and asks a liberal share of your patronage.

One Mr. Lewis, a restaurant man, suddenly disappeared from McKinney this week with officer in pursuit. There seems to be something mysterious about it.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal inlector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Ben Rhine visited Dallas this week.

A Safe Investment.

Is one in which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs, Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, whooping cough, croup, etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at E. N. McAulay & Bro's drug store.

Last Saturday the stove pipe at the Baptist church fell down and threatened to retard the progress of the Sunday School and no doubt would have done so had it not been for the presence of mind and indomitable energy of Supt. T. C. Perry. He hastily placed the school in the two auxiliary rooms while he conducted the exercises from the pulpit stand in a very satisfactory manner.

Queer world! Queer people! Here are men and women by thousands suffering from all sorts of diseases, bearing all manners of pain, spending their all on physicians and "getting no better, but rather worse," when right at hand there's a remedy which says it can help them because it helped thousands like them. "Another patent medicine advertisement," you say. Yes, but not of the ordinary sort. The medicine is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and it's different from the ordinary nostrums in this: It does what it claims to do, or it costs you nothing! The way is this: You pay your druggist $1.00 for a bottle, You read the directions, and you follow them. You get better, or you don't. If you do, you buy another bottle, and perhaps another. If you don't get better, you get your money back. And the queer thing is that so many people are willing to be sick when the remedy is near at hand.

T. C. Perry went to Dallas last Tuesday.

Jewelry very cheap at the Nickel store.

Dr. J. B. Hill is up and able to be at his post of duty.

Cigars and smoking tobacco at the Nickel store.

J. T Bell of Viny was in the city Saturday last.

Last Monday being the first Monday in the month the usual nnmber of people were in the city,

For Seven Long Years.

suffered untold agonies with my left leg which was afflicted with a large ulcer that eat away the flesh, leaving the bone visible, which was attended by the most excruciating pain; so great was the pain that I was forced to take six grains of morphine daily I was induced to try Dr Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup and after taking nine bottles I can say I am entirely cured, am 65 years old and weigh 177 pounds to-day.—William Curry, Gainesville, Texas.

MELISSA, TEX, Jan. 25, 1891.

This is to certify that I am 50 years old, have been afflicted with rectal troubles for ten years, and I have gotten more relief from Dr. T. C. Reedy than all the other doctors who have treated me, and I make this statement for the benefit of suffering humanity.

A. M. DOUGLASS.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1891.

No lover of a fine plant or garden can be without a copy. It is an elegant book of over 100 pages 8 1-4 x 10 1-2 inches beautiful colored, illustrations of Sunrise Amaranthus, Hydrangea and potatoes. Instructions for planting and cultivating, etc. Full list of every thing that can be desired in the way of vegetables, flower seeds, plants, bulbs, etc. Also full particulars regarding the cash prizes of $1,000 and $200. The novelties have been tested and found worthy of cultivation. We hope it will be our good luck to see the Nellie Lewis Carnation and taste the Grand Rapide lettuce. It costs you nothing because the 10 cents you send can be deducted from the first order forwarded. We advise our friends to secure a copy of James Vick Seedman, Rochester, N. Y.

We have experienced quite a "norther" this week.

Old Aunt Josh Stafford, colored, who was cooking for Mr. Lawrence Foote's family, dropped dead this morning, it is supposed, from heart disease.

TILL
MARCH
1, 1891
Consultation Free
At the
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The Specialists,

DR. E. F. Brown
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Dr. Gee Nio
Of Japan.

Procrastination
—IS THE—
Thief of Time.

We may lose pistols, money or some other articles by the agency of some light-fingured person and not suffer much inconvenience, but when we allow a neglect of time to rob us of an opportunity to regain our health, we are fearful losers.

Life is not worth living when you are unhealthy. When you are in good health work is not an endless drudge that seems to grind you beyond endurance.

There is no use being sick when you can be cured. We do not cure all diseases, nor do we claim to, but we will examine you and tell you whether we can cure you or not and will do so without charge to show our honesty.

We will not take a case that we are unable to cure. We know that many are discouraged and have almost if not quite given up all hopes of being cured.

We are getting daily letters of gratitude from people whom we have cured after they have been badly maltreated by local physicians or some of the so-called specialists.

We owe our success to our hard study, thorough research and extensive experience, (hospital and all over the country.)

We are justly proud of our record and will be sure to keep it as unsullied in the future as it has been in the past.

We see many children on the streets who are wearing glasses. Glasses are a good thing when needed but when the nerves of the eye are weak, glasses should not be used as they will weaken the already weak eyes. What should be done is to strengthen the nerves and make the eyes strong thus preventing blindness cataract, etc.

We cannot too strongly condemn the use of glasses when not needed. We will examine free of charge all who think they need to wear glasses and advise them on the subject. We do not fit glasses but can tell you what to do in order to get suitable ones.

Never "fit" your own eyes as you will make a misfit every time. Much damage is done in this way to the delicate structure of the eyes.

Many times catarrh causes weak eyes. We can cure any case of catarrh no matter of how long standing. Our treatment is known to no one but ourselves and is different in principle from all others.

ENNIS, TEX., Jan. 28, 1891.

Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio, McKinney, Tex.:

Dear Sir: Since taking your medicine I am much relieved of the pains in my back. My catarrh is better; in fact, I am much improved in every respect. I feel confident you can make me a well woman. MRS. WILSON,

This lady had been afflicted for over ten years, has been subject to the outrageous burning method, commonly practiced by local physicians for female troubles, and had also been under the treatment of several of the so-called specialists, who, instead of benefitting her, had aggravated the disease, by harsh local injudicious applications.

ALVARADO, TEX., Jan, 21, 1891.

Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio:

Gentlemen: In regard to my condition I feel proud and grateful and wish to say that my bowels have stopped running off and I'm daily gaining strength and former good health. I feel so well that I sometimes overtax my strength. The medicines have been so pleasant that it has not seemed like taking medicine at all and, singular to say, it has broken me of the snuff habit so that the very sight or thought of the vile stuff makes me sick, for which I am glad, as it has long been my desire to quit its use.

MRS SARAH JOHNSON.

This is another Johnson, not the Mrs. Johnson of Ennis whom we treated and cured for the piles. This Mrs. Johnson on Dec. 12, was brought to our office in a hack. She was so weak, run down and emaciated that she was compelled to lie down in our office while giving us a history of her disease.

ALVORADO, TEX. Jan 28, 1891.

Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio, McKinney, Texas.

Dear Sir: According to your request I will write you concerning my eyes at close of one month's treatment.

My left eye seems very near all right; the lashes are natural and the lids smart but little and then only during lamp light reading.

My right eye has not done as well, with exception it does not smart so much. I pull out the lashes before thinking, which I know is contrary to your instructions.

MRS. A. E. COOK.

The reason Mrs. Cook's right eye is not well is plain to be seen. The lashes are the natural protection to the eye and should under no circumstances be depilated, and Mrs. Cook has violated both nature's laws and our instructions to her. Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio will have a new circular containing many new testimonials and much good reading which will be widely and freely distributed.

We Will Move

March 1, 1891

INTO OUR NEW BUILDING,

Northeast corner public square,

MORROW BLOCK.

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RELIEF AT LAST.

A Delicate Surgical Operation Skillfully Performed.

At 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at their office in the Foote House, Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, successfully operated on the left eye of Miss Fannie Stevenson, a young lady well known, who lives on College street in this city, who has been suffering with strabismus (cross-eyes) since she was five years old.

She said, when asked after the operation had been performed, that she did not feel any pain and that she hardly realized that the operation was being executed.

Eight minutes were allowed for the cocaine to take effect and only one minute was used in the actual operation. Thus a deformity of twenty five years' standing is cured in one minute, showing what skill and ability is capable of accomplishing for those who are suffering.

Drs. E. F. Brown and Gee-Nio.

Last Tuesday morning we visited the office of the above named gentlemen, at the Foote House.

We were cordially recieved and shown through their apartments replete with diplomas, charts, medical and all kinds of surgical instruments. The walls were lined with deplomas from all the leading medical institutes of both America and England. After reading those guarantees of medical science, one cannot doubt the ability of their possessors. We found the celebrated Japanese gentleman and scholar, Dr. Gee-Nio, poring over a lot of fresh letters of congratulation recieved from patients.

While we have read articles from his pen in the Dallas News, we never had the pleasure of his acquaintance until this visit to his office.

We have always been taught that Japan was simply a field for missionaries; that ignorance with its attendant evils reigned supreme. This idea was quickly dismissed and we came away believing that even in "heathen Japa" the light of intelligence, like in our own fair land continues to lighten and drive the shadow of ignorance into obscurity. We believe that those afflicted with any of the diseases these gentlemen advertise to cure will be greatly benefited by consulting them.

Ladies, do not fail to consult these eminent specialists, Drs. Brown & Gee Nio, regarding your individual case, they are gentlemen and their advice has restored thousands of women to health. Why not you?

Wanted.

Parties who have some capital to take the control of an article that sells to farmers; can make from $5 to $8 per day. Enquire at City Hotel for B. Bulmer.

To the Public.

I am prepared to furnish groceries, plows, cultivators, cotton planters, wagons and barb wire in abundance at rock bottom prices, either for cash or good credit.

J. P. WEBSTER.

Jno. H. Lewis of Neodasha, Kan., who has been taking the DEMOCRAT has moved to Collin to live. He is located near Rhea's Mill and has ordered our paper sent to that place. We welcome him and trust that his example will be followed by others.

Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity surely on their merits. E. N. McAulay & Bro., druggists.

Gen. Gordon, of Georgia, has announced his determination to join the Farmers' Alliance. During his candidacy for the senate he promised several Alliance leaders he would join, and he now purposes to fulfill his promise. — Farmersville Times.

Entitled to the Best,

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50 cent and $1 00 bottles, by all leading druggists.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see hem, east side of the square.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

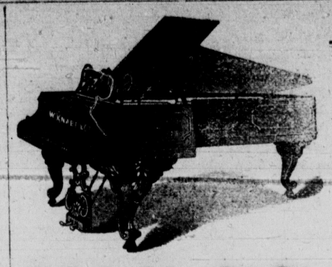
This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

There will be a rainbow tea at Wear's art gallery next Friday from 4 to 11 p. m., given by ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in the interest of the Busy Bees, money to be used for papering the charch. Admission, 50 cents; lady and gentleman, 75 cents; children, 25 cents.

The Odd Fellows held a meeting in Dallas this week. Several of our citizens were present including Dr T. W. Wiley who holds the position of the grand master of the state organization.

The DEMOCRAT will be greatly pleased if those who are in arrears with us will pay us at an early date.

J. B. Jett was in to see us Wednesday. He has been quite sick.



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Buys only first-class instruments, direct from best factories, for SPOT CASH, having no expensive store rent, clerk hire or agents which enables me to sell from 25 to 33 1 3 per cent. less than any music house in Texas, saving you from

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Call and examine before buying elsewhere. Music room attached to photograph gallery on ground floor, North Kentucky street near southwest corner of square.

G. D. WAKELY, Proprietor.

Rev. Cole, of Lewisville, Denton county, preached at the Baptist church last Wednesday night.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, excell in all operations and in the treatment fo all chronic diseases, both male and female.

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Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints.

Collin county continues to stand at the head of the column. Come to her rich fields, ye strangers

An Attractive Combined POCKET ALMANAC and MEMORANDUM BOOK advertising BROWN'S IRON BITTERS the best Tonic, given away at Drug and general stores. Apply at once.

For Sale,

An organ, good as new. Call at this office.

Drs Brown & Gee Nio, the specialists, thoroughly understand and are masters of their business. They consequently have no time for gossip or meddle with the affairs of others that do not concern them. Your ailments they are after.

MELISSA, TEX., Jan. 26, 1891.

I have been afflicted for 25 years and have taken medicine from many a physician to no purpose, and never knew what my trouble was 'till I met with Dr. T. C. Reedy, who treated me for ulceration of the rectum one time. I have gotten from him more relief than all the other doctors I have ever tried.

The criminal docket of the district court was taken up last Monday. Up to date only a few cases have been disposed of. The case of the state of Texas vs. George Howell was continued until next term.

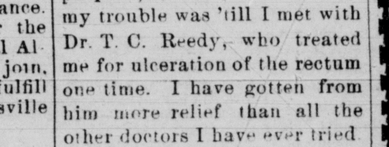
A sneak thief stole a fine pistol from Dr. Gee-Nio one day this week.

Don't forget to read the prices contained in Weisman's ad.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruisks sores, ulcers, salt rheum fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, childblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satfacfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

Recently the 12 year old son of W. S. Rollins, who lives near Celina, was accidentaly hit over the right eye with a base ball bat, mashing the eyebrow down into the eye, creating a very painful wound. The accident was caused by the bat slipping out of the batters hands while striking at the ball.



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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail

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Small Dose. Small Price.

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The undersigned having bought out the Nenney & Pardue stock of

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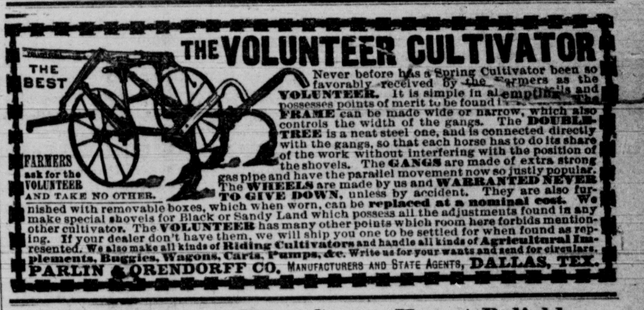
LUMBER

At low figures, and are able to meet any and all competition. There being an over stock in some lines of goods just purchased we will proceed to sell same at cost for cash. Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

J. F. STIVERS & CO.

By WMS. WARDEN, Manager.



THE VOLUNTEER CULTIVATOR

Never before has a Spring Cultivator been so favorably received by the farmers as the VOLUNTEER. It is simple in all its parts, has numerous points of merit to be found in no other. The FRAME can be made wide or narrow, which also controls the width of the gangs. The DOUBLE-TREE is a neat steel one, and is connected directly with the gangs, so that each horse has to do its share of the work without interfering with the position of the shovels. The GANGS are made of extra strong gas pipe and have the parallel movement now so justly popular. The WHEELS are made by us and WARRANTED NEVER TO GIVE DOWN, unless by accident. They are also furnished with removable boxes, which when worn, can be replaced at a nominal cost. We make special shovels for Black or Sandy Land which possess all the adjustments found in any. If your dealer don't have them, we will ship you one to be settled for when found as represented. We also make all kinds of Riding Cultivators and handle all kinds of Agricultural Implements, Buggies, Wagons, Carts, Pumps, &c. Write us for your wants and send for circulars.

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Home Grown, Honest, Reliable.

I offer you my Vegetable and Flower Seed Catalogue for 1891 FREE. Note the immense variety of seed it contains, and that all the best novelties are there. Not much mere show about it (you don't plant pictures) but fine engravings from photographs of scores of the choice vegetables I have introduced. Would it not be well to get the seed of these from first hands? To be the oldest firm in the United States making mail and express business a specialty proves reliability. Honest and honorable dealing is the only foundation this can rest on. My Catalogue is FREE as usual. A matter on second page of cover will interest my customers. J. J. H. GREGORY & SON, Marblehead, Mass.

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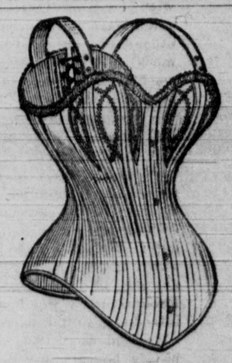
$20 to $40 a week made by earnest men and women. We furnish the capital? If you mean business, drop us a card and get some facts that will open your eyes! A legitimate line of goods, and honest men wanted to introduce them in town and country. Don't wait! Address, at once.

W. H. McClain, St. Louis, Mo.



DR. WARNER'S celebrated Coraline Health Corsets have one peculiarity which pertains only to corsets of their make. The bust retains its shape to the end, and the corset imparts to the wearer a well-proportioned and beautiful figure. The corset is boned with Coraline, a substance superior to the finest whalebone. Made in short, medium and extra long waists.

There are many imitations, but you will find "Dr. Warner's Coraline" printed on the inside of every genuine corset. They are sold by your nearest dry goods dealer.

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TRADE THE GENTLEMAN'S FRIEND. MARK

Our Perfection Syringe free with every bottle. Does not stain. Prevents stricture. Cure gomorrhœa and gleet in 1 to 4 days. Ask druggists for it. Sent to any address for ONE DOLLAR.

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EWS.

S. H. COnson, Jr. has City Engineer, but is convalescent.

Don't fail to get Sugar Chill Cure. A sure for chills and fever, dumb , etc. Sold on a guarantee. Chilcry for it.

Why will you suffer with eyes, granulated lids and erted lashes when Drs. wn & Gee-Nio, the specialcan cure

East Frok was out of banks Saturday morning.

Lady, the wife of a prominent merant in Corsicana, Texas, says: "I been a long sufferer from female ase, constipation and indigestion. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup ed me."

Tinware and glassware bottom prices at the Nickel re.

Editor J. L. Wilson, of the aminer, returned from a bus- ss trip to Arizona last Sun- y.

The manner in which Dr. Thurmond's e Star Catarrh Cure is used gives it eriorities over all other ca- rh medicines that I have noticed. I e prescribed it and in every case h good results.

Dr. HARDEN NANCE.
Illonois Bend, Texas.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, e specialists, straighten cross es in one minute without ain.

Kent K. Kerr passed through e city last Sunday en route Bowie to attend the meeting the district Alliance.

Will be found an excellent remedy r sick headache. Carter's Little Liv- Pills. Thousands of letters from eople who have used them prove this ct. Try them.

Ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs for 5 cents a piece at he Nickel store,

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, he specialists, will remain at he Foote House till March st. They have never been known to break faith with the ublic or their patients. Their eputation is two valuable.

Miss Anna Bowen went to Navasota, Grimes county, this week on a visit to relatives.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill, small dose, small price.

Every thing from a steam engine to a collar button at the Nickel store.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, positively cure rectal ulcers in from one to two treatments, fissure in one treatment. fistula five to seven without knife.

A colored man received a severe cut across the nose last Tuesday night while going to his home in the "Run." He says he don't know who hit him.

The well known strengthning properties of IRON, combined with those tonics and a most perfect nervine, are found in Carter's Iron Pills, which strengthen the nerve and body, and improve the blood and complexion.

The Nickel store is now located on East Virginia street next to new postoffice.

In leaving our old stand on the west side of the square, we carry with us the memory of the pleasant associations connected therewith.

Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup cured me of rheumatism, constipation and indigestion of fifteen years' standing. LOUIS LESTERJETT.
Dallas, Texas.

After many years' suffering with catarrh of the head and kidneys two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Catarrh Cure produced most beneficial results. REV. WM J. BASSETT.
Gainesville, Texas.

E. W. Kirkpatrick returned from Aransas Pass last week, where he has been looking after nursery interests. He says that he gained ten pounds while he was gone.

Drs Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, radically cure hemorrhoids or piles, internal, external, itching, dry or bleeding in a single treatment without use of knife, caustic, ligature or hypodermic needle, in one minute. Try them and be convinced.

The Nickel store is still in town and asks a liberal share of your patronage.

One Mr. Lewis, a restaurant man, suddenly disappeared from McKinney this week with officer in pursuit. There seems to be something mysterions about it.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Ben Rhine visited Dallas this week.

A Safe Investment.

Is one in which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs, Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, whooping cough, croup, etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at E. N. McAulay & Bro's drug store.

Last Saturday the stove pipe at the Baptist church fell down and threatened to retard the progress of the Sunday School and no doubt would have done so had it not been for the presence of mind and indomitable energy of Supt. T. C. Perry. He hastily placed the school in the two auxiliary rooms while he conducted the exercises from the pulpit stand in a very satisfactory manner.

Queer world! Queer people! Here are men and women by thousands suffering from all sorts of diseases, bearing all manners of pain, spending their all on physicians and "getting no better, but rather worse," when right at hand there's a remedy which says it can help them because it helped thousands like them. "Another patent medicine advertisement," you say. Yes, but not of the ordinary sort. The medicine is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and it's different from the ordinary nostrums in this: It does what it claims to do, or it costs you nothing! The way is this: You pay your druggist $1.00 for a bottle, You read the directions, and you follow them. You get better, or you don't. If you do, you buy another bottle, and perhaps another. If you don't get better, you get your money back. And the queer thing is that so many people are willing to be sick when the remedy is near at hand.

T. C. Perry went to Dallas last Tuesday.

Jewelry very cheap at the Nickel store.

Dr. J. B. Hill is up and able to be at his post of duty.

Cigars and smoking tobacco at the Nickel store.

J. T Bell of Viny was in the city Saturday last.

Last Monday being the first Monday in the month the usual number of people were in the city,

For Seven Long Years.

I suffered untold agonies with my left leg which was afflicted with a large ulcer that eat away the flesh, leaving the bone visible, which was attended by the most excruciating pain; so great was the pain that I was forced to take six grains of morphine daily. I was induced to try Dr Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup and after taking nine bottles I can say I am entirely cured, am 65 years old and weigh 177 pounds to-day.—William Curry, Gainesville, Texas.

MELISSA, TEX, Jan. 25, 1891.
This is to certify that I am 50 years old, have been afflicted with rectal troubles for ten years, and I have gotten more relief from Dr. T. C. Reedy than all the other doctors who have treated me, and I make this statement for the benefit of suffering humanity.

A. M. DOUGLASS.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1891.

No lover of a fine plant or garden can be without a copy. It is an elegant book of over 100 pages 8 1-4 x 10 1-2 inches beautiful colored, illustrations of Sunrise Amaranthus, Hydrangea and potatoes. Instructions for planting and cultivating, etc. Full list of every thing that can be desired in the way of vegetables, flower seeds, plants, bulbs, etc. Also full particulars regarding the cash prizes of $1,000 and $200. The novelties have been tested and found worthy of cultivation. We hope it will be our good luck to see the Nellie Lewis Carnation and taste the Grand Rapide lettuce. It costs you nothing because the 10 cents you send can be deducted from the first order forwarded. We advise our friends to secure a copy of James Vick Seedman, Rochester, N. Y.

We have experienced quite a "norther" this week.

Old Aunt Josh Stafford, colored, who was cooking for Mr. Lawrence Foote's family, dropped dead this morning, it is supposed, from heart disease.

TILL
MARCH
1, 1891
Consultation Free
At the
Foote House.

The Specialists,

DR. E. F. Brown & Dr. Gee Nio

Of Japan.

Procrastination

—IS THE—

Thief of Time.

We may lose pistols, money or some other articles by the agency of some light-fingured person and not suffer much inconvenience, but when we allow a neglect of time to rob us of an opportunity to regain our health, we are fearful losers.

Life is not worth living when you are unhealthy. When you are in good health work is not an endless drudge that seems to grind you beyond endurance.

There is no use being sick when you can be cured. We do not cure all diseases, nor do we claim to, but we will examine you and tell you whether we can cure you or not and will do so without charge to show our honesty.

We will not take a case that we are unable to cure. We know that many are discouraged and have almost if not quite given up all hopes of being cured.

We are getting daily letters of gratitude from people whom we have cured after they have been badly maltreated by local physicians or some of the so-called specialists.

We owe our success to our hard study, thorough research and extensive experience, (hospital and all over the country.)

We are justly proud of our record and will be sure to keep it as unsullied in the future as it has been in the past.

We see many children on the streets who are wearing glasses. Glasses are a good thing when needed but when the nerves of the eye are weak, glasses should not be used as they will weaken the already weak eyes. What should be done is to strengthen the nerves and make the eyes strong thus preventing blindness cataract, etc.

We cannot too strongly condemn the use of glasses when not needed. We will examine free of charge all who think they need to wear glasses and advise them on the subject. We do not fit glasses but can tell you what to do in order to get suitable ones.

Never "fit" your own eyes as you will make a misfit every time. Much damage is done in this way to the delicate structure of the eyes.

Many times catarrh causes weak eyes. We can cure any case of catarrh no matter of how long standing. Our treatment is known to no one but ourselves and is different in principle from all others.

ENNIS, TEX., Jan. 28, 1891.
Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio, McKinney, Tex.:
Dear Sir: Since taking your medicine I am much relieved of the pains in my back. My catarrh is better; in fact, I am much improved in every respect. I feel confident you can make me a well woman. MRS. WILSON,

This lady had been afflicted for over ten years, has been subject to the outrageous burning method, commonly practiced by local physicians for female troubles, and had also been under the treatment of several of the so-called specialists, who, instead of benefitting her, had aggravated the disease, by harsh local injudicious applications.

ALVARADO, TEX., Jan. 21, 1891.
Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio:
Gentlemen: In regard to my condition I feel proud and grateful and wish to say that my bowels have stopped running off and I'm daily gaining strength and former good health. I feel so well that I sometimes overtax my strength. The medicines have been so pleasant that it has not seemed like taking medicine at all and, singular to say, it has broken me of the snuff habit so that the very sight or thought of the vile stuff makes me sick, for which I am glad, as it has long been my desire to quit its use.

MRS SARAH JOHNSON.

This is another Johnson, not the Mrs. Johnson of Ennis whom we treated and cured for the piles. This Mrs. Johnson on Dec. 12, was brought to our office in a hack. She was so weak, run down and emaciated that she was compelled to lie down in our office while giving us a history of her disease.

ALVORADO, TEX. Jan 28, 1891.
Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio, McKinney, Texas.
Dear Sir: According to your request I will write you concerning my eyes at close of one month's treatment.
My left eye seems very near all right; the lashes are natural and the lids smart but little and then only during lamp light reading.
My right eye has not done as well, with exception it does not smart so much. I pull out the lashes before thinking, which I know is contrary to your instructions.

MRS. A. E. COOK.

The reason Mrs. Cook's right eye is not well is plain to be seen. The lashes are the natural protection to the eye and should under no circumstances be depilated, and Mrs. Cook has violated both nature's laws and our instructions to her. Drs. Brown and Gee-Nio will have a new circular containing many new testimonials and much good reading which will be widely and freely distributed.

We Will Move

March 1, 1891

INTO OUR NEW BUILDING,

Northeast corner public square,

MORROW BLOCK.

S. WISEMAN.

RELIEF AT LAST.

A Delicate Surgical Operation Skillfully Performed.

At 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at their office in the Foote House, Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, successfully operated on the left eye of Miss Fannie Stevenson, a young lady well known, who lives on College street in this city, who has been suffering with strabismus (cross-eyes) since she was five years old.

She said, when asked after the operation had been performed, that she did not feel any pain and that she hardly realized that the operation was being executed.

Eight minutes were allowed for the cocaine to take effect and only one minute was used in the actual operation. Thus a deformity of twenty five years' standing is cured in one minute, showing what skill and ability is capable of accomplishing for those who are suffering.

Drs. E. F. Brown and Gee-Nio.

Last Tuesday morning we visited the office of the above named gentlemen, at the Foote House.

We were cordially recieved and shown through their apartments replete with diplomas, charts, medical and all kinds of surgical instruments. The walls were lined with deplomas from all the leading medical institutes of both America and England. After reading those guarantees of medical science, one cannot doubt the ability of their possessors. We found the celebrated Japanese gentleman and scholar, Dr. Gee-Nio, poring over a lot of fresh letters of congratulation recieved from patients.

While we have read articles from his pen in the Dallas News, we never had the pleasure of his acquaintance until this visit to his office.

We have always been taught that Japan was simply a field for missionaries; that ignorance with its attendant evils reigned supreme. This idea was quickly dismissed and we came away believing that even in "heathen Japan" the light of intelligence, like in our own fair land continues to lighten and drive the shadow of ignorance into obscurity. We believe that those afflicted with any of the diseases these gentlemen advertise to cure will be greatly benefited by consulting them.

Ladies, do not fail to consult these eminent specialists, Drs. Brown & Gee Nio, regarding your individual case, they are gentlemen and their advice has restored thousands of women to health. Why not you?

Wanted.

Parties who have some capital to take the control of an article that sells to farmers; can make from $5 to $8 per day. Enquire at City Hotel for B. Bulmer.

To the Public.

I am prepared to furnish groceries, plows, cultivators, cotton planters, wagons and barb wire in abundance at rock bottom prices, either for cash or good credit.

J. P. WEBSTER.

Jno. H. Lewis of Neodasha, Kan., who has been taking the DEMOCRAT has moved to Collin to live. He is located near Rhea's Mill and has ordered our paper sent to that place. We welcome him and trust that his example will be followed by others.

Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity surely on their merits. E. N. McAulay & Bro., druggists.

Gen. Gordon, of Georgia, has announced his determination to join the Farmers' Alliance. During his candidacy for the senate he promised several Alliance leaders he would join, and he now purposes to fulfill his promise. — Farmersville Times.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50 cent and $1 00 bottles, by all leading druggists.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

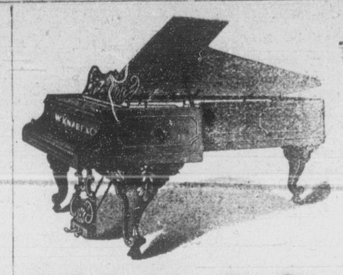
This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

There will be a rainbow tea at Wear's art gallery next Friday from 4 to 11 p. m., given by ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in the interest of the Busy Bees, money to be used for papering the charch. Admission, 50 cents; lady and gentleman, 75 cents; children, 25 cents.

The Odd Fellows held a meeting in Dallas this week. Several of our citizens were present including Dr T. W. Wiley who holds the position of the grand master of the state organization.

The DEMOCRAT will be greatly pleased if those who are in arrears with us will pay us at an early date.

J. B. Jett was in to see us Wednesday. He has been quite sick.



G. D. WAKELY,

DEALER IN

PIANOS AND ORGANS,

Two Doors North of Express and Telegraph Office, McKinney, Tex.

Buys only first-class instruments, direct from best factories, for SPOT CASH, having no expensive store rent, clerk hire or agents which enables me to sell from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. less than any music house in Texas, saving you from

$25 to $50 on Organs and $75 to $150 on Pianos.

Call and examine before buying elsewhere. Music room attached to photograph gallery on ground floor, North Kentucky street near southwest corner of square.

G. D. WAKELY, Proprietor.

Rev. Cole, of Lewisville, Denton county, preached at the Baptist church last Wednesday night.

Drs. Brown & Gee-Nio, the specialists, excell in all operations and in the treatment fo all chronic diseases, both male and female.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Billousness and Liver Complaints.

Collin county continues to stand at the head of the column. Come to her rich fields, ye strangers

An Attractive Combined POCKET ALMANAC and MEMORANDUM BOOK advertising BROWN'S IRON BITTERS the best Tonic, given away at Drug and general stores. Apply at once.

For Sale,

An organ, good as new. Call at this office.

Drs Brown & Gee Nio, the specialists, thoroughly understand and are masters of their business. They consequently have no time for gossip or meddle with the affairs of others that do not concern them. Your ailments they are after.

MELISSA, TEX., Jan. 26, 1891.
I have been afflicted for 25 years and have taken medicine from many a physician to no purpose, and never knew what my trouble was 'till I met with Dr. T. C. Reedy, who treated me for ulceration of the rectum one time. I have gotten from him more relief than all the other doctors I have ever tried.

The criminal docket of the district court was taken up last Monday. Up to date only a few cases have been disposed of. The case of the state of Texas vs. George Howell was continued until next term.

A sneak thief stole a fine pistol from Dr. Gee-Nio one day this week.

Don't forget to read the prices contained in Weisman's ad.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruisks sores, ulcers, salt rheum fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, childblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfec tsatfacstion, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

Recently the 12 year old son of W. S. Rollins, who lives near Celina, was accidentaly hit over the right eye with a base ball bat, mashing the eyebrow down into the eye, creating a very painful wound. The accident was caused by the bat slipping out of the batters hands while striking at the ball.

CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

SICK

Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Dose. Small Price.

New Lumber Yard,

The undersigned having bought out the Nenney & Pardue stock of

LUMBER,

Doors, Sash, Blinds, Shingles, PAINTS, OILS,

Etc., are now offering

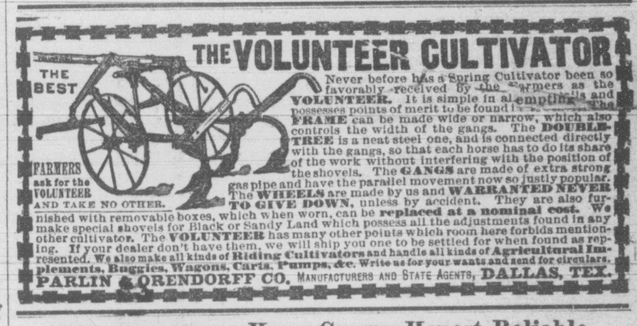
BARGAINS IN SAME.

We take pleasure in stating to the public that we are manufacturers of lumber, own two saw mills, one planing mill, and a large body of splendid pine timber and are in a condition to furnish our patrons with a very superior quality of

LUMBER

At low figures, and are able to meet any and all competition. There being an over stock in some lines of goods just purchased we will proceed to sell same at cost for cash. Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

J. F. STIVERS & CO.
By WMS. WARDEN, Manager.



Never before has a spring Cultivator been so favorably received by the farmers as the VOLUNTEER. It is simple in all its parts and possesses points of merit to be found in no other. The TREE can be made wide or narrow, which also controls the width of the gangs. The DOUBLE-TREE is a neat steel one, and is connected directly with the gangs, so that each horse has to do its share of the work without interfering with the position of the shovels. The GANGS are made of extra strong gas pipe and have the parallel movement now so justly popular. The WHEELS are made by us and WARRANTED NEVER TO GIVE DOWN, unless by accident. They are also furnished with removable boxes, which when worn, can be **replaced at a nominal cost.** We make special shovels for Black or Sandy Land which possess all the adjustments found in any other cultivator. The VOLUNTEER has many other points which room here forbids mentioning. If your dealer don't have them, we will ship you one to be settled for when found as represented. We also make all kinds of **Riding Cultivators** and handle all kinds of **Agricultural Implements, Buggies, Wagons, Carts, Pumps, &c.** Write us for our vasts and send for circulars.
PARLIN & ORENDORFF CO., MANUFACTURERS AND STATE AGENTS, DALLAS, TEX.

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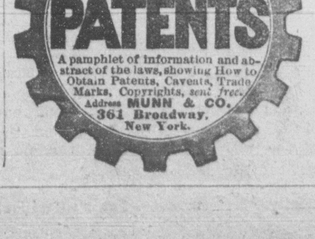
Home Grown, Honest, Reliable.

I offer you my Vegetable and Flower Seed Catalogue for 1891 FREE. Note the immense variety of seed it contains, and that all the best novelties are there. Not much mere show about it (you don't plant pictures) but fine engravings from photographs of scores of the choice vegetables I have introduced. Would it not be well to get the seed of these from first hand? To be the oldest firm in the United States making mail and express business a specialty proves reliability. Honest and honorable dealing is the only foundation this can rest on. My Catalogue is FREE as usual. A matter on second page of cover will interest my customers. J. J. H. GREGORY & SON, Marblehead, Mass.

Horse and Jack Bills.



The DEMOCRAT is like a train in that it keeps to the track for the people.

HONEST WORK.

$20 to $40 a week made by earnest men and women. We furnish the capital? If you mean business, drop us a card and get some facts that will open your eyes! A legitimate line of goods, and honest men wanted to introduce them in town and country. Don't wait! Address, at once,

W. H. McClain, St. Louis, Mo.

Printed at the DEMOCRAT office at reasonable figures. Call and see us before placing your orders.

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INJECTION
TRADE THE GENTLEMAN'S FRIEND. MARK

Our Perfection Syringe free with every bottle. Does not stain. Prevents stricture. Cure gomorrhœa and gleet in 1 to 4 days. Ask druggists for it. Sent to any address for ONE DOLLAR.

Malydor Mfg. Co., Lancaster, Ohio

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SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AGENCY for
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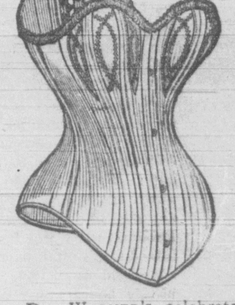
A pamphlet of information and abstract of the laws, showing How to Obtain Patents, Caveats, Trade Marks, Copyrights, sent free. Address MUNN & CO., 361 Broadway, New York.



DR. WARNER'S celebrated Coraline Health Corsets have one peculiarity which pertains only to corsets of their make. The bust retains its shape to the end, and the corset imparts to the wearer a well-proportioned and beautiful figure. The corset is boned with Coraline, a substance superior to the finest whalebone. Made in short, medium and extra long waists.

There are many imitations, but you will find "Dr. Warner's Coraline" printed on the inside of every genuine corset. They are sold by your nearest dry goods dealer.

WARNER BROS. Mnfrs.,
New York and Chicago.

SOME BIRDS THAT TALK.

THE MAGPIE, JACKDAW, CROW AND PARROT.

Some Valuable Hints on Educating the Parrot to be a Brilliant Conversationalist and Eschew Profanity—The Crow Kind is a Fair Talker.

The most accomplished talker of Indian birds is the mynah, a handsome purple-black bird, with a short tail, orange beak and legs, and bright yellow ear-flaps, which run around to the back of its head like a broad collar. It is a bold, lively bird, with a mellow song and whistle of its own. Its power of reproducing human speech is wonderful, and it exhibits the greatest anxiety that the tones shall be correct, repeating them softly to itself, with its head on one side, and then shouting out the words.

Another bird which talks better than most, and whistles better than any, is the piping crow. It is a lively black-and-white bird, as large as a rook, but far more elegant in form. Several specimens inhabit the zoological gardens, but the best is in the western aviary, where he whistles "Merrily Danced the Quaker" in tones like a flute.

The American blue jay says the London Spectator, a most brilliant creature, flushing with hues of emerald and turquoise, is an admirable mimic of many sounds, even of the human voice. Wilson speaks of one "which had all the tricks and loquacity of a parrot; pilfered all it could conveniently carry off; answered to its name with great sociability when called upon, and could articulate a number of words pretty distinctly." Jackdaws and the American crow can also be taught to talk. But in all the crow tribe, except the piping crow, the reproduction of human speech seems to be more a trick of mimacry than an effort to acquire a substitute for song. Parrots, mynahs, and some cockatoos take infinite pains to learn correctly and increase their stock of phrases. But the magpie or jay mimics what it finds easy, and takes no further trouble. Even the raven seldom has many words at command, though, owing to its deep, resonant voice and imposing size, it attracts more attention than a chattering jay. The raven is the largest creature except man that can "talk," and fancy and superstition have naturally exaggerated its powers. But the crow tribe, though as clever as the parrots, are not so easily domesticated, and their beaks and tongues are less well suited for the musical sounds of human speech. Most of the parrots, and some cockatoos and macaws, have both the mental and physical gifts necessary to make them excel in talking. Parrots of all classes have fleshy tongues, moistened with saliva, and the arched beak provides a substitute for our palate and teeth. They have also wide nostrils and their naturdl voices are loud enough and strong enough to equal the volume of human speech. In disposition they are highly imitative. Cockatoos are almost like monkeys in mimicking men. For instance, if you bow to them they will make elaborate bows. If you put your head on one side they will often do so too. But with many parrots the desire to learn new sounds is not, we think, a mere trick of mimicry, but the desire to possess a song—an accomplishment with which to please, identical in kind with the motive which prompts the young of singing birds to learn their parents' notes, or, in the case of the canary, to learn and improve upon a song, not their own, which they have transmitted to their posterity.

The following account of the development of the talking power in a young parrot of which we have seen much lately is, we submit, a strong confirmation of this view. Our informant is a lady whose sympathies are by no means limited to parrots, as the context will show, and her observations are wholly reliable: "We bought Barry," she writes, "when he was quite young, before his feathers are fully grown, and we had him a year before he began to talk. Then he began to make very odd noises, as if he was trying to say words, but could not quite do it. Now he constantly learns new words and sentences, and early in the morning I hear him practicing them over to himself, exactly as our babies used to do in the early morning hours in bed. If he improves as much in the next ten years as he has in the last he should be able to recite a poem if we teach him." There is no reason why a parrot should not continue to increase his stock of phrases as he grows older, if the supposition that he looks upon it as an accomplishment for which he is in some way the better, is correct. The butcher bird, for instance, and the sedge warbler do not rest satisfied with learning their own notes, but often learn and reproduce the notes of other birds in great perfection. The mocking bird, which, like the sedge warbler, has a fine song of his own, does the same. But the parrot has the advantage in being very long-lived and constantly in human company. The young parrot mentioned before gave an excellent instance of the association in its mind of words with things. Before it could talk, it was friendly with a kitten which used to enter its cage. This kitten was sent away, and for a year there was not another in the house. Then a gray Persian kitten was bought, and when introduced to the parrot was at once addressed as "Kitty," a word he had hardly heard since the departure of the other. The correctness of parrots' imitation, the result, no doubt, of their careful practice, is remarkable. A lady of the Dutch court, visiting the palace in the wood at the Hague, soon after the death of the late Queen of Holland, was startled by hearing the queen's voice exactly reproduced. It was a white cockatoo that had been a great pet of hers, which was in a corner of the room.

He Translated the Dream.

Here is a parable of rats clipped from a Scotch paper: A laborer at the Dundee Harbor lately told his wife on awakening in the morning a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him in single file four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean ones, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly troubled, as there is a superstition among the ignorant that to dream of rats forebodes calamity. He applied to his wife concerning this, but she could not interpret the ill-omened dream. His son, a sharp lad, who had heard his father's story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keeps the public house that ye gang to sae often; and the two lean ones are me and my mother, and the blind one is yourself, father."

NOT LIKE A PREACHER.

A Noted Chicago Divine with a Flaming Red Necktie—A Railroad Story.

The Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus had an interesting experience out in Arizona last summer, says the Chicago News. It will bear narrating. It seems that a friend in London, aware of the reverend gentleman's fondness for vivid color, sent Dr. Gunsaulus a bright red necktie. There is no other red necktie in the world quite so red as a British red necktie. When Dr. Gunsaulus clapped his eyes on that red necktie he was dazzled by its terrific splendor. As quickly as he could he put it away. "I must no wear it," said he to himself; "it is too wicked for this part of the world. I will reserve it for Arizona."

It is true that Dr. Gunsaulus had 165 acres of wheat out in Arizona that needed looking after, but it is more than likely that an ambition to wear that new, splendid red necktie inspired in Dr. Gunsaulus a ceaseless yearning to go West. At any rate he went, accompanied by his son, a little fellow of 10 or 12 years of age.

Now it happened that Dr. Gunsaulus traveled on a free pass.

This free pass worked all right until Dr. Gunsaulus struck the Santa Fe country. It was then that a coarse, unfeeling, one-eyed conductor came through the train collecting tickets at the point of a murderous looking horse-pistol. He had been sheriff of a county in New Mexico and was a thing of blood.

"Tickets!" demanded this fierce monster.

Dr. Gunsaulus mildly produced his free pass. The conductor read the free pass. The unhallowed fire of scepticism illumined his cyclopean optic.

"Wat's yer name?" asked the conductor.

"The Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus," answered the holy man.

The conductor took as rapid a view of Dr. Gunsaulus as his one eye would admit of.

"No, yer don't!" exclaimed the conductor, brutally. "Yer don't play that game on *me!* Yer no preacher."

"Indeed I am, and a very good preacher, too," remonstrated Dr. Gunsaulus.

"Come, now," said the conductor, "it's no use of yer tryin' to come any monkey business with me; I reckon I know a dominy when I see him. Yer'll have to put up yer good money or get off n the train!"

There seemed to be no alternative. Dr. Gunsaulus looked out of the car window; it would never do for him to be set down in that desert of cactuses and prairie dogs.

"No dominy ever wore a necktie like that," said the conductor. "Yer'll have to put up the stuff or get off n the train."

Dr. Gunsaulus did put up, but not until he had secured a receipt therefor from the one-eyed sceptic. But about a hundred miles farther down the road the Mayor of Santa Fe boarded the train, and he was happily able to identify Dr. Gunsaulus as being indeed entitled to all the perquisites and courtesies involved in and entailed by that free pass. So the one-eyed conductor disgorged the money and made an apology as best he could:

"I've been livin' out here now for goin' on 23 years," said he, "and I've seen every kind of human bein' from bonanza kings down to three-card monte sharks, but never seen a preacher with a red necktie afore! Say, pardner, yer a daisy. I'll bet! Although it's agin the rules, I don't mind lookin' at yer if yer've got yer bottle handy!"

The Great Auk.

It is now about fifty years since this interesting bird, existing a century ago in countless myriads, succumbed to destroying man, and disappeared almost simultaneously from the shores of Europe and America. As the buffalo contributed to the opening of the great West, the great auk played its part in the settling of Newfoundland by supplying with food the first comers in that region. For many years the creatures were used for provision, both fresh and salted, as well as for bait by the fishermen, but it was the trade in feathers that had most to do with the destruction of the species.

Funk Island seems always to have been the chief breeding place of the great auk, and there it lingered long after it had been entirely extirpated in other and more accessible localities. It was at no small risk that the sailors of old and the hardy colonists resorted for supplies to the lonely, rocky islet, thirty-two miles out in the Atlantic, environed by reefs and shoals, over which the sea breaks heavily during storms. But the supplies had to be got at any risk, and so the work of slaying the birds went steadily on until the last of their kind had disappeared from the face of the earth and the place to which they had resorted for untold ages knew them no more.

Unfortunately, naturalists were not aware that the great auk was actually being exterminated until the catastrophe had actually taken place. Thus a sadly smaller number of skins, skeletons and eggs of the birds have been preserved in museums. The national museum owned a stuffed specimen and an egg, but in going over the bone collection only a single fragment of a great auk's skeleton could be found.

Even Pliny.

Pliny the great could see things in front of his nose as well as afar off. "I notice that the women rub the washing in cold water," he wrote one day. "Let them heat the water and the alkali in the soap will be freed and take far better effect." And only after that did women know how to wash.

If You Wish to Hoe a Straight Row.

Either as wife, sister, husband or brother, if you would have a happy family life, remember two rules:

In matters of principle stand like a rock.

In matters of taste swim with the current.—Youth's Companion.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE STARTING IN BUSINESS LIFE.

Don't Aim too High, Study Your Business, Save Money and Lay it up for a Rainy Day.

The N. Y. *Herald* thus replies to the following letter:

I am a country boy. I came from a farm in New Hampshire to New York with the object of making a name and a fortune. Either the name or the fortune would satisfy me, but I prefer both if they are within reach.

Will you kindly tell me how I can carve out for myself a successful career?

The results of our experience and observation are entirely at your service, young man.

Suppose we begin our conversation by defining terms. What do you mean by "a successful career?"

If, as you say, you are ambitious to become a millionnaire two or three times over your chance is one in a thousand.

Possibly you may be that one. It depends on your natural gifts and your opportunities. But how about the other nine hundred and ninety-nine? Are their lives to be a failure because they can't acquire an immense bulk of capital?

In other words, is a surplus of cash the prime factor in the problem of happiness, and is a citizen's usefulness to be measured by his bank account solely?

You may also get the fame you wish. It depends on your education, on the quantity and quality of your brains and on your active genius. With these everything is possible; without them, you will everlastingly hunger for the unattainable, and in the end draw the coverlid of a wasted life over your head and die a disappointed man.

The number of those who achieve such greatness that the public mind monuments to their memory is very few, but if your name happens to be in that list the *Herald* will gladly subscribe for the purpose.

Don't make any mistakes in this matter. If you wish to get out of life all there is in it—for you—there is a way to do it.

Real happiness consists of health, self-respect, the good will of the community and a sufficient income to gratify your reasonable wants. Everything else is trivial and not worth bothering about. The man who has steady work, fair wages, a cosey home enough to eat, a thick overcoat, and the consciousness of personal integrity, is a mightily favored fellow, in possession of more than three-quarters of the best things which this world affords.

Now, you can have all this if you make certain rules the basis of your conduct.

First—Don't aim too high, but aim straight. Emerson's advice to "hitch your wagon to a star" is the merest buncombe of rhetoric. You will produce larger practical results if you hitch your wagon to a well fed mule.

"Longfellow's poem, "Excelsior," is another bit of exquisite trash. Of course it is beautiful, "and all like that, you know," but it is not adapted to a rough and tumble fight with circumstances.

"The young man in that poem shoulders a flag and starts for—well, for nowhere, so far as we can discover. He is one of the climbers—an explorer of the celestial Alps. When he gets to the top of a hill he turns back and screams out "Excelsior!" What for we can't say. This is a free country, however, and he can do as he pleases. Up he trudges until he gets to the snow-capped summit of the next ascent. Unreasonable boy! He seems to be just as dissatisfied as ever. Evidently he wants the earth. In spite of a chronic bronchitis and in constant danger of pneumonia, he waves his bunting, yells "Excelsior!" once more and strikes out for an altitude where the mercury freezes in the bulb.

He may be going yet, for aught we know. He has undertaken a tough job, though, and his flag by this time must be in tatters.

You want to get rid of a good deal of this "excelsior" folderol. It is a mighty poor investment of talent. Stay down below, and let the glaciers and the mountain peaks take care of themselves.

Second—Do your work well, no matter what it is. Study your business. Make yourself master of it by putting your head and heart into it. If it is bookkeeping, then keep books in such fashion that the Angel Gabriel will want to lend you his crown as a token of approval. If you are a mechanic, or artisan, or farmer, be proud of yourself, and the rest of the world will soon come to be proud of you. Nothing is needed so much in this generation as a man with skilled fingers. You may have a long pull, but the clock will strike an unexpected hour and the opportunity—which comes to everybody in turn, but which most people miss—will present itself. Study the bulldog, and when you get your teeth into a big thing, let them stay there.

Third—Save money. The coward runs in debt, the brave man has a five dollar surplus in his pocket. The world may laugh at you because you can't have a four-in-hand necktie. All right, let it laugh. You are your own world, and the people who sneer are simply outside barbarians. When they see that five dollar bill growing bigger they all want to shake hands with you and send you to Congress. Keep well within your income and you will save yourself from skulking round the corner like a kicked dog when the dun is on your track. The handiest thing on the planet is the penny laid up for a rainy day.

Now, young sir, get rid of the nonsense that you are a genius, settle down to the conclusion that you are just an average North American boy and start in. Keep yourself alert, look after your digestive apparatus, don't smoke cigarettes, get to bed early, be square toed in all your dealings, and we will wager a cookie that at sixty you will have to look backward for those who began the race when you did.

Are you ready? Then, Go!

Brushing the Teeth.

It is safe to say that not twenty persons in a hundred know how to use a brush, and perhaps not two of those twenty properly apply their knowledge, says a dentist in the N. Y. *Herald*. In the first place one should have two brushes, one hard and one soft. The hard one should not be hard enough to injure the gums. The water should be moderately hot and should be held in the mouth for a minute or more before the brush is applied. This will soften the accumulations.

Next take the soft brush and scrub the surface of the teeth vigorously, going over all parts "inside," "outside" and "on top," to use phrases commonly understood. After this has been thoroughly done and the mouth rinsed out, the hard brush is to be used. Both brushes should have curved (concave) surfaces and serrated bristles. In using the hard brush, hold it in the hand and rotate the wrist, thus brushing the surface of the teeth from the gums toward the cutting edges. The mouth is held slightly open. This removes from between the teeth whatever was there at the outset, and what has been crowded there by the ordinary action with the first brush. Even more thoroughness is required in this last procedure than in the first.

It is between the teeth that decay is most likely to occur, and it is between the teeth that so few people succeed in cleansing. As a final safeguard waxed floss silk should be passed between all the teeth, and lastly the mouth sprayed with the listerine dilution. The teeth should be cleansed on retiring and arising, and if convenient after each meal.

LAKE DWELLERS IN AFRICA.

Thousands of Blacks Who Rear Their Huts on Piles in the Denham Waters.

Much attention was recently called to the region around Kotonou, on the Gulf of Guinea, near which place several hundred of the women warriors of the King of Dahomey were killed in battle by the French troops. One of the most interesting features of this region is the large native villages and towns that have been built in the water. The inhabitants many years ago took this means of trying to escape from the terrible raids of the King of Dahomey. Many hundreds of people were actually driven by the powerful King into the water. It happens that the Dahomians are very superstitious about traveling in canoes or crossing streams, and the fugitives took advantage of this fact to secure protection for themselves.

On any good map one may see the "Denham waters" near Kotonou. This is the home of these lake dwellers. The towns have each a population of from 200 or 300 souls to as many thousands. Physically the people are fine and healthy specimens of Africans, and as a rule they are free from disease. Gov. Moloney of Lagos says the houses are built upon piles or straight branches of hard wood three to six inches in diameter. They are driven into the bottom of the lake. The upper ends are secured by cross pieces, on which are laid a bamboo flooring, two-thirds or one-half of which is covered in by a house. The uprights of the house are fixed first and secured below the platform to the supporting piles. The roof frame is next made on the platform, and is covered with grass or bamboo leaves, and raised to its position. The remaining portion of flooring is used as a veranda. In the construction no nails are used.

These natives are fishermen and also a pastoral people. It is a curious fact that they keep cattle in pens adjoining their houses built on piles over the water like their dwellings. Sometimes during the dry season the shallowness of the water admits of the cattle being allowed to wander on terra firma; but fodder is brought in canoes to many less fortunate animals which are compelled to eke out their existence in these pens surrounded by water until such time as they are tethered and transported by canoe to the butcher.

The present natives are still in dread of the Dahomians, but even if this fear no longer existed it is probable that the habit which they and their fathers before them have long followed would lead them to prefer these aquatic residences. It is not known how many lake dwellers there are, but it is supposed there are at least 10,000 of them among the various tribes whose huts cover the Denham waters. Once in a while these tribes make war on one another, and they conduct their fighting in canoes capable of holding two or three persons, and their weapons are guns, harpoons, spears and clubs.

In some other parts of Africa, particularly in the Congo basin, the habit of dwelling in huts sustained on piles in lakes or rivers is very largely followed, and perhaps a million or two of the people of Africa are still perpetuating the phase of life of which we have relics in the remains of the lake dwellers of the pre-historic era.

His First Trip to Town.

Abner Dingrass, from away up beyond the White Mountains, had penetrated to the Hub. It was Abner's first visit to the city—in fact, his first trip away from home, says the N. Y. *Ledger*.

A relative, doing business in the metropolis, had spent the previous summer with Abner's parents, and in return for many kindnesses he had invited his friends of the country farm to visit him in his city home.

And thus Abner chanced to be in Boston, and was now dining at a hotel with his host.

At first our countryman hardly knew what to do with himself at the wondrously laden table. His relative, observing his hesitation, whispered to him:

"Don't be backward, Abner; help yourself to just what you like."

By and by a gentleman sitting opposite directed a waiter to bring him a plate of ice cream.

The cream was brought and the gentleman set it down before him while he finished a dish of scallops. Abner looked up and saw the delicate-looking mass in the plate not far away. It was tempting, and he reached forth and took it. He had put a spoonful of the frozen mixture into his mouth, and was hesitating between surprise and delight, when the gentleman opposite rather abruptly and not very pleasantly spoke:

"Well, my friend, that's what I should call decidedly cool."

"Yaas," responded Abner, innocently, when he had swallowed the frigid morsel. "It's about the coldest puddin I ever tasted. I swan tew man! ef I don't believe it's really teched with frost!"

Four Little Needles.

There are stories and stories about women shoppers having spools of cotton and similar articles sent to their hotel or residence after purchasing, but the tales have always been regarded as highly exaggerated in order to point a joke. The clerks at the Girard House, however, will always believe in the future such productions to be the gospel truth, no matter what statements are contained, and after an experience the other night this is not to be wondered at. Shortly before 6 o'clock a large delivery wagon belonging to a millinery house drove up to the door, and the driver dismounted with a small parcel in his hand. This, together with a bill, he handed the clerk, who viewed the inscription with a gasp. It read: "Four needles, four cents." "Anything else?" queried the clerk as soon as he recovered breath. "Nope, that's all." And this is why the genial conductors of the Girard will be credulous for the balance of their lives.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Initial Letters in Army Uniforms.

Gen. Schofield has issued a general order amending the army regulations respecting uniforms. It appears that the facetious enlisted man takes pleasure in misinterpreting the initials indicative of certain staff departments, so that the "M. D." which is the distinguishing mark of the department is translated into "mule driver," the "J. A." of the judge advocate's department into "jackass," and so on. To meet the objection of the officers to these terms the order omits the requirement that the initial letters shall figure in the uniform.

Petroleum Fields in Peru.

An English company with large capital has bought the petroleum near Puyta, in Peru, and expects to furnish oil enough for the whole of South America, Australia, China and Japan. Immense tank-ships are being built for the business.

"It's getting quite dark now," remarked Cholly, as they sat on the front piazza. "Yes," she answered, with a touch of scorn as she surveyed the distance between them. "One might imagine you were afraid of the dark."

THE FARM AND HOME.

SEASONABLE MATTERS ON MANY RURAL TOPICS.

The Many Wastes of Many Farmers—Some Pointers About Potato Blight—Facts About Poultry—A New Cook Book—Household Hints.

Farm Wastes.

The subjects of the wastes that are continually going on on most farms and among most farmers is one that needs more thought and requires more attention than almost any other part of our farm work.

A prolific source of this evil among many is carelessness, and the result is, of course, hard times and the many privations that follow. The winter season with many is one of comparative inactivity, and could be profitably employed in a revision of the past season's work and its results. In doing so let us make a note of all mistakes, and plan our next season's work so that they will not occur again.

The waste of time and material are among the greater wastes, and are, therefore, the most to be guarded against. The former is more from lack of method than anything else, and many a hard-working man wastes much valuable time by rushing headlong into his work, without having taken proper time to think it over, and lay his plans systematically.

By anticipating our work we are enabled to plan it to the best advantage possible. By so doing we can accomplish much more and also will have the satisfaction of having everything pass off smoothly and quietly without any special effort. There are innumerable things about a farm that can be done in the winter, which, if not attended to, will take time during the busy season.

Before the commencement of what is termed the spring's work, everything that is likely to be needed either for the farm or household should be provided, so that in the event of a late spring, which is a common occurrence in this climate, not a day would be lost in the forwarding of the work on hand. The waste of material is perhaps the greatest waste with which we have to contend. Carelessness in regard to this has more to do toward making farmers unsuccessful than any other one thing in the whole routine of farm life.—Am. Cultivator.

Potato Blight.

The experience of the Ohio station people in trying to fight the potato blight with copper remedies, the past season, has not altogether been satisfactory. Some rows were sprayed with the Bordeaux mixture, others with the ammonical solution of carbonate of copper, and some were left without treatment. The Bordeaux mixture was made by adding six pounds of copper sulphate and four pounds of lime to fifty gallons of water. The carbonate mixture was made by adding six ounces of copper carbonate to two quarts of ammonia and diluting with fifty gallons of water. Four applications, by spraying, were made during the season. The blight came and continued to increase in severity during July and the first half of August. Little difference in the degree of affection could be detected between the vines untreated and those to which the carbonate solution had been applied. The disapointment for me lies especially in the statement that even the rows treated with the Bordeaux mixture were attacked to a considerable extent. Still, there was a decided difference between them and the others. By the 5th of August the plants were practically all dead except in the Bordeaux mixture rows, which were yet green and growing. The difference, indeed, was very striking, and the Bordeaux mixture rows held out two weeks longer than the others. Consequently, there was a decided increase in yield in these rows. Yet further experiments will be necessary to determine whether the blight can be prevented entirely by the use of fungicides, and whether this can be done cheaply enough to have the increase of crop compensate for the outlay. It seems to me that one point is already well established, namely, that the application must be begun early, and before the blight has taken firm hold on the plants. The whole treatment should be preventive rather than curative. A good knapsack sprayer can now be had for $14, and I hope advantage will be taken of this by many growers, so the question can be definitely settled the coming season.—Com.

A New Cook Book.

Material is now being gathered for a new cook book, which it is intended shall be the most complete work of its kind, and will be a great aid to the housewives of the country. We append a few of the prescriptions:

Clear Soup—Take two pints of water, wash them thoroughly on both sides, pour into a dish or something, and stir around the kitchen until tired.

Plum Pie—Get some dough, hammer out a front and back breadth. Line a dish with sliesia, put in a veneering of dough, fill the dish with Brummell's cough drops, put on the top crust, feather-stitch around the edges and bake in a tinker's furnace.

Pound Cake—Mix up some flour and things, put them into a dish, bake for a while, then screw in the handle and commence to pound.

Stomach Cake—Line a small boy with green apples and cucumbers. This can be prepared at short notice.

Calve's Foot Jelly—Get trusted for a Chicago calf—they have the largest feet—cut off the calf, which can be used for making hash or chicken salad; wash the feet, thicken with glue, add a few molasses, strain through a cane-seated chair, pour it into a blue bowl with red pictures on it, set it in the shade to get tough. Then send it to a sick friend.

Ice Cream—Dry a piece of ice in the sun, stir in some cold cream or vaseline, fan it until it freezes, garnish with Christmas greens. This should be served with the soup.

Hash—Chop up everything, add some ready mixed paint, then throw it away.

Soft-boiled Eggs—Put a setting of eggs into a kettle of hot water at 6:07. Let them boil until the clock strikes; serve on half shell.

To Remove Stains—To remove fruit stains from a tablecloth, saturate the cloth in benzine, kerosine, and coal oil, sprinkle with gunpowder; apply a lighted match.

One-two-three Cake—One egg, two flour, three bounce.

An Inexpensive Dish—Buy a five-cent plate.

To Drop Eggs—Let go of them.

Lemon Pie—Line a pie plate with puff paste (see page 5,265), put in your lemons, build a lattice work over the top, and bake three weeks.

Seedling Varities of Fruit.

The dependence on nurseries rather than on home-grown fruits diminishes the chance for finding new and valuable seedling varieties. Occasionally a graft or a bud falls, and the natural sprout taking its place is supposed to be the improved variety until it gets into bearing. Unless these instances are wrongly reported, a larger proportion of seedling fruit has considerable more value than is often thought. The proper way would be still larger if seeds from only the best of fruit grown in years favorable for its highest excellence were used for raising nursery stock. The plan of many nurserymen is, however, to get apple seeds from the refuse pomace, in which only small and inferior fruit is used for grinding. In this way they claim to get more vigorous stocks, but it is at the expense of fruit. It is likely also that these stocks when grafted are longer in coming into bearing than stocks raised from cultivated fruit of the highest quality would be.

Rubbish in Gardens.

All the rubbish in gardens, whether weeds, brush or other material, should be raked up and burned early in the winter, or at least before warm weather comes. The squash bugs and other insects that most plague the gardener hide themselves or deposit their eggs on or under this rubbish. Removing and burning it assures their destruction. For the same reason, it is better not to deposit manure on gardens until cold weather has stopped the movement and depositing of eggs of the insects that do most damage.

Old Cows Not Profitable.

Unless the cow has special value as a breeder, she should not be kept past her tenth year. If she has had a calf every year she will then have borne eight or nine calves, and this will be sufficient to wear out her constitution. Cows that are allowed to go farrow occasionally will be better preserved to a later age, but they do not usually make as good milkers nor tend to keep up the dairy reputation of their progeny so well, as cows that suffer as little interruption in breeding as possible.

Clover Causing Heaves.

There are two reasons why clover hay causes heaves in horses. One is that it often heats, and when it dries out becomes dusty. Wetting the hay removes the difficulty. The second reason is that horses like clover hay so much that they overload their stomachs, and cannot travel. Give them only a small amount of clover, and add oats to make up the full ration, just as would be done in feeding timothy hay.

Household Hints.

Save the feathers when picking poultry.

A frequent rub with chamois will keep the nickel part of the stove bright.

Flowers will remain fresh for a fortnight if a little carbonate of soda is mixed with the water.

Put old rubber rings of cans into weak ammonia water and they will recover their elasticity.

Lemons will keep fresh for weeks if covered with water. A small glass jar is a convenient receptacle.

Even the broken tacks are helpful in this utilitarian age. They are excellent for cleaning bottles.

Mildewed linen may be restored by soaping the spots and while wet covering them with powdered chalk.

Paint splashes may be removed from window panes by a very hot solution of soda, using a soft flannel.

Flood the waste-water pipes every week with boiling water and occasionally with a hot solution of sal soda.

Among the Poultry.

Keeping fowls in a dark place to fatten is unnecessary.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to cure the egg-eating habit, once it is acquired.

One danger with the amateur is attempting to keep too large number of varieties in too close quarters.

In many cases those who make the poorest success are the ones that never try to improve upon what they are doing.

It is a serious mistake to allow food to be kept before the hens all the time; they are certain to keep too fat to lay well.

Wheat can be fed whole, crushed or cracked, with good results. It is one of the best materials that can be supplied for eggs.

Whether early or late turkeys pay the best is hard to determine. It costs more to raise the late ones, but they generally bring better prices.

Many prefer to feed a mixture of bran and middlings in preference to meal, using five parts of bran and one of middlings, scalding thoroughly.

If it pays to raise fowls for market, it pays to fatten well before selling. Early in the fall or in the middle or latter part of winter is the best time to market poultry.

When it can be done, it will pay to visit the poultry shows, much can be learned that will be of benefit not only as regards varieties but also as to the management.

If poultry is to be fattened in the winter it is necessary that they have warm quarters and be fed plenty of fat-forming food, giving a good variety to keep up the appetite.

In a majority of cases it will be better to feed a little longer and receive a good growth than to rush the poultry on the market either before they are well grown or properly fattened.

The natural condition of the fowls is to be in the open air. Turkeys and guineas, especially, prefer to roost out of doors, but with a little care they can be trained to roost under shelter.

A ration of corn and wheat is one of the best to feed to fattening geese. They will fatten faster, if, in addition, they can have cooked potatoes, turnips, chopped clover, cabbage and onions in addition.

If you are to use an incubator and wish early chickens for the market, the sooner it is set to work the better. A very few days' difference in the spring will often make considerable difference in prices.

Ingersoll as an Entertainer.

Last winter Col. Ingersoll gave receptions to his friends on Sunday evenings. His parlors were always crowded, and the great agnostic was the most delightful of men. He laughed with the girls, talked seriously with the men, cracked a joke at the supper table, and seemed to be as contented as man can well be. I noticed on more than one occasion, whenever some ill-mannered person brought up the subject of religion, that Col. Ingersoll deftly turned the conversation. But upon one memorable night that I recall, Grace Greenwood, the authoress, turned to him and said familiarly, as do most of his friends: "Bob, what do you think of Shakspeare?" I suppose the question was prompted by a magnificent bust of the Bard of Avon that stood on a pedestal near by. Col. Ingersoll was not at a loss for an answer. He walked over to the bust, looked at the face affectionately, and then in a low voice began as eloquent a tribute to the great poet as has ever been paid him. For five minutes he poured forth his eloquence in a low, calm voice, and when he looked up he found that all the men and women in the parlors were on tip-toe eager to catch every word that fell from his lips. I wish I could reproduce those words now, but I can't.—*Y. Y. Letter to Pittsburg Leader*.

A port of refuge is in course of construction at St. Michael, the chief island of the Azores, on which $3,000,000 has already been expended. It is on the southwest point of the island.

THE ALLIANCE.

CONTEMPORANEOUS NOTES.

Farm View, Porterville, Cal.: Although the Farmer's Alliance in this state has only been organizing since about the 1st of June, its active membership outnumbers the Grange or Patrons of Husbandry nearly three to one. Not only this, but the Alliance includes in its membership the most able, earnest and active element of the Grange. Few farmers are aware of the great work that is going on around them.

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National Economist: It is now absolutely certain that the party which refuses to consider the claims of the farmers and the debtor classes generally will receive the worst defeat that American politics has ever known. The Alliance means union—that gives it strength. Farmers want measures, not men; the men they will send to congress will simply carry out the measures of their constituents. Be just and conservative. Make the old parties bid for your support. In the meantime grow in thought, in unity and in true brotherhood.

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Farm View, Porterville, Cal.: Now, that the Farmers' Alliance has gotten to be a power in the land, the old political party workers will endeavor to coax them off their trail by passing resolutions squinting in the various directions farmers think desirable, but doing nothing to relieve their necessities permanently. A little more silver will be coined, tariff reduced perhaps on some things, promises made and bills introduced to any great extent. They killed off the Greenback party in this way and then went on with their old cinch games again.

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The Nonconformist: Every man or woman who wishes to work, has a right to work, and every man or woman who does work has a natural right to remunerative wages when they do work. What are remunerative wages? Only such wages as will give good food, clothing, shelter, all the comforts, and some of the luxuries of life. A state of society that allows thousands to be kept in a condition of enforced idleness, while those who toil do so for a mere pittance, while others who toil not at all, live in luxury, has something essentially rotten in it.

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Colman's Rural World: When the farmer comes to the kitchen fire after he has done his chores, late in the evening, and finds his wife mending or making over the last year's garments for the family while her own go untouched, he sits down and considers whether there is any object in exerting himself at all. All the teachings of others, all the lessons of experience, and the effects of his natural ambition induce him to make his best endeavors, but when he sees that his income is measured by the avarice of others more than by his own exertions, he realizes that "it is not all of life to live" nor all of farming to plow, sow, and gather in the harvest.

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Bradstreets says: Legislators at Washington are at last awaking to the fact that they have exceeded reasonable bounds in the pension legislation enacted at the last session, and a halt is now to be called. According to advices from the capital there has been a joint conference of members of the Committees on Pensions of the two houses, at which the conclusion has been reached that no additional legislation of a general character touching pensions will be enacted at the present session. Hereafter more care is to be taken in the consideration of private pension bills, and only urgent measures, clearly entitled to immediate consideration are to be allowed to go through.

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Representative McMillan, of Tennessee, recently said of the Alliance in an interview: "In our state it has not worked in antgonism to the Democratic party. On the contrary, our nominee for governor was a member of the organization and was nominated and made the race on a simon pure Democratic platform. It is an indisputable fact that the economic system under which we have been operating for some time past has proved disastrous to the farming interests. It will be the office of the Democratic party to try to remedy their ills as far as may be possible. The subtreasury scheme as presented to congress is impractible, but there are constitutional means of relief that can and will be given."

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A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer makes the following very sensible remarks: "It is all right for farmers to organize, hold conventions, resolutions, and demand such and such laws and a greater representation in our law making bodies. Let them not only demand but take the share in representation to which their numbers entitle them. Then they can get all the laws they want. I think farmers are too jealous of each other for their own good. They (some of them) are continually complaining because lawyers and millionaires get all the offices. But no sooner are good farmers nominated for congress than they begin with one accord to rail at them and cut them political tricksters, because they were nominated by the old parties. Stop such nonsense and pitch in and help these men. Then you may expect to get some of the things you demand."

Increase of Currency.

There is hardly any one who does not concede an increase of currency necessary, but when the question of placing it among the people is ventured, Wall street and its friends in congress step in and dictate the policy. This has been true for years, and to this fact may be attributed the distress and disasters that are now so prevalent in the land. Let the Alliance papers and lecturers of the country devote as much space and time as possible to the discussion of the emission of money from the treasury, and the result will be gratifying beyond expectation.—Economist.

He Had Offsets.

In a breach of promise case in New Hampshire the lover put in as offsets all the candy he had bought, the miles he had walked, the rigs he had hired and the time he had wasted, and when footed up and allowed the girl had only $2.60 left out of her verdict for damages.

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SOME BIRDS THAT TALK.

THE MAGPIE, JACKDAW, CROW AND PARROT.

Some Talkable Hints on Educating the Parrot, to be a Brilliant Conversationalist and Eschew Profanity—The Crow Kind is a Fair Talker.

The most accomplished talker of Indian birds is the mynah, a handsome purple-black bird, with a short tail, orange beak and legs, and bright yellow ear-flaps, which run around to the back of its head like a broad collar. It is a bold, lively bird, with a mellow song and whistle of its own. Its power of reproducing human speech is wonderful, and it exhibits the greatest anxiety that the tones shall be correct, repeating them softly to itself, with its head on one side, and then shouting out the words.

Another bird which talks better than most, and whistles better than any, is the piping crow. It is a lively black-and-white bird, as large as a rook, but far more elegant in form. Several specimens inhabit the zoological gardens, but the best is in the western aviary, where he whistles "Merrily Danced the Quaker" in tones like a flute.

The American blue jay says the London Spectator, a most brilliant creature, flushing with hues of emerald and turquoise, is an admirable mimic of many sounds, even of the human voice. Wilson speaks of one which had all the tricks and loquacity of a parrot; pilfered all it could conveniently carry off; answered to its name with great sociability when called upon, and could articulate a number of words pretty distinctly." Jackdaws and the American crow can also be taught to talk. But in all the crow tribe, except the piping crow, the reproduction of human speech seems to be more a trick of mimicry than an effort to acquire a substitute for song. Parrots, mynahs, and some cockatoos take infinite pains to learn correctly and increase their stock of phrases. But the magpie or jay mimics what it finds easy, and takes no further trouble. Even the raven seldom has many words at command, though, owing to its deep, resonant voice and imposing size, it attracts more attention than a chattering jay. The raven is the largest creature except man that can "talk," and fancy and superstition have naturally exaggerated its powers. But the crow tribe, though as clever as the parrots, are not so easily domesticated, and their beaks and tongues are less well suited for the musical sounds of human speech. Most of the parrots, and some cockatoos and macaws, have both the mental and physical gifts necessary to make them excel in talking. Parrots of all classes have fleshy tongues, moistened with saliva, and the arched beak provides a substitute for our palate and teeth. They have also wide nostrils and their natural voices are loud enough and strong enough to equal the volume of human speech. In disposition they are highly imitative. Cockatoos are almost like monkeys in mimicking men. For instance, if you bow to them they will make elaborate bows. If you put your head on one side they will often do so too. But with many parrots the desire to learn new sounds is not, we take it, a mere trick of mimicry, but the desire to possess a song—an accomplishment with which to please, identical in kind with the motive which prompts the young of singing birds to learn their parents' notes, or, in the case of the canary, to learn and improve upon a song, not their own, which they have transmitted to their posterity.

The following account of the development of the talking power in a young parrot of which we have seen much lately is, we submit, a strong confirmation of this view. Our informant is a lady whose sympathies are by no means limited to parrots, as the context will show, and her observations are wholly reliable: "We bought Barry," she writes, "when he was quite young, before his feathers are fully grown, and we had him a year before he began to talk. Then he began to make very odd noises, as if he was trying to say words, but could not quite do it. Now he constantly learns new words and sentences, and early in the morning I hear him practicing them over to himself, exactly as our babies used to do in the early morning hours in bed. If he improves as much in the next ten years as he has in the last he should be able to recite a poem if we teach him." There is no reason why a parrot should not continue to increase his stock of phrases as he grows older, if the supposition that he looks upon it as an accomplishment for which he is in some way the better, is correct. The butcher bird, for instance, and the sedge warbler do not rest satisfied with learning their own notes, but often learn and reproduce the notes of other birds in great perfection. The mocking bird, which, like the sedge warbler, has a fine song of his own, does the same. But the parrot has the advantage in being very long-lived and constantly in human company. The young parrot mentioned before gave an excellent instance of the association in its mind of words with things. Before it could talk, it was friendly with a kitten which used to enter its cage. This kitten was sent away, and for a year there was not another in the house. Then a gray Persian kitten was bought, and when introduced to the parrot was at once addressed as "Kitty," a word he had hardly heard since the departure of the other. The correctness of parrots' imitation, the result, no doubt, of their careful practice, is remarkable. A lady of the Dutch court, visiting the palace in the wood at the Hague, soon after the death of the late Queen of Holland, was startled by hearing the queen's voice exactly reproduced. It was a white cockatoo that had been a great pet of hers, which was in a corner of the room.

He Translated the Dream.

Here is a parable of rats clipped from a Scotch paper: A laborer at the Dundee Harbor lately told his wife on awakening in the morning a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him in single file four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean ones, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly troubled, as there is a superstition among the ignorant that to dream of rats forebodes calamity. He applied to his wife concerning this, but she could not interpret the ill-omened dream. His son, a sharp lad, who had heard his father's story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keeps the public house that ye gang to sae often; and the two lean ones are me and my mother, and the blind one is yourself, father."

NOT LIKE A PREACHER.

A Noted Chicago Divine with a Flaming Red Necktie—A Railroad Story.

The Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus had an interesting experience out in Arizona last summer, says the Chicago News. It will bear narrating. It seems that a friend in London, aware of the reverend gentleman's fondness for vivid color, sent Dr. Gunsaulus a bright red necktie. There is no other red necktie in the world quite so red as a British red necktie. When Dr. Gunsaulus clapped his eyes on that red necktie he was dazzled by its terrific splendor. As quickly as he could he put it away. "I must not wear it," said he to himself; "it is too wicked for this part of the world. I will reserve it for Arizona."

It is true that Dr. Gunsaulus had 165 acres of wheat out in Arizona that needed looking after, but it is more than likely that an ambition to wear that new, splendid red necktie inspired in Dr. Gunsaulus a ceaseless yearning to go West. At any rate he went, accompanied by his son, a little fellow of 10 or 12 years of age.

Now it happened that Dr. Gunsaulus traveled on a free pass.

This free pass worked all right until Dr. Gunsaulus struck the Santa Fe country. It was then that a coarse, unfeeling, one-eyed conductor came through the train collecting tickets at the point of a murderous looking horse-pistol. He had been sheriff of a county in New Mexico and was a thing of blood.

"Tickets!" demanded this fierce monster.

Dr. Gunsaulus mildly produced his free pass. The conductor read the free pass. The unhallowed fire of scepticism illumined his cyclopean optic.

"What's yer name?" asked the conductor.

"The Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus," answered the holy man.

The conductor took as rapid a view of Dr. Gunsaulus as his one eye would admit of.

"No, yer don't!" exclaimed the conductor, brutally. "Yer don't play that game on me! Yer no preacher."

"Indeed I am, and a very good preacher, too," remonstrated Dr. Gunsaulus.

"Come, now," said the conductor, "it's no use of yer tryin' to come any monkey business with me; I reckon I know a deminy when I see him. Yer'll have to put up yer good money or get off'n the train!"

There seemed to be no alternative. Dr. Gunsaulus looked out of the car window; it would never do for him to be set down in that desert of cactuses and prairie dogs.

"No deminy ever wore a necktie like that," said the conductor. "Yer'll have to put up the stuff or get off'n the train."

Dr. Gunsaulus did put up, but not until he had secured a receipt therefor from the one-eyed sceptic. But about a hundred miles farther down the road the Mayor of Santa Fe boarded the train, and he was happily able to identify Dr. Gunsaulus as being indeed entitled to all the perquisites and courtesies involved in and entailed by that free pass. So the one-eyed conductor disgorged the money and made an apology as best he could.

"I've been livin' out here now for goin' on 20 years," said he, "and I've seen every kind of human bein' from bonanza kings down to three-card monte sharks, but never seen a preacher with a red necktie afore! Say, pardner, yer a daisy. I'll bet! Although it's agin the rules, I don't mind lookin' at yer if yer've got yer bottle handy!"

The Great Auk.

It is now about fifty years since this interesting bird, existing a century ago in countless myriads, succumbed to destroying man, and disappeared almost simultaneously from the shores of Europe and America. As the buffalo contributed to the opening of the great West, the great auk played its part in the settling of Newfoundland by supplying with food the first comers in that region. For many years the creatures were used for provision, both fresh and salted, as well as for bait by the fishermen, but it was the trade in feathers that had most to do with the destruction of the species.

Funk Island seems always to have been the chief breeding place of the great auk, and there it lingered long after it had been entirely extirpated in other and more accessible localities. It was at no small risk that the sailors of old and the hardy colonists resorted for supplies to the lonely, rocky islet, thirty-two miles out in the Atlantic, environed by reefs and shoals, over which the sea breaks heavily during storms. But the supplies had to be got at any risk, and so the work of slaying the birds went steadily on until the last of their kind had disappeared from the face of the earth and the place to which they had resorted for untold ages knew them no more.

Unfortunately, naturalists were not aware that the great auk was actually being exterminated until the catastrophe had actually taken place. Thus a sadly smaller number of skins, skeletons and eggs of the birds have been preserved in museums. The national museum owned a stuffed specimen and an egg, but in going over the bone collection only a single fragment of a great auk's skeleton could be found.

Even Pliny.

Pliny the great could see things in front of his nose as well as afar off. "I notice that the women rub the washing in cold water," he wrote one day. "Let them heat the water and the alkali in the soap will be freed and take far better effect." And only after that did women know how to wash.

If You Wish to Hoe a Straight Row.

Either as wife, sister, husband or brother, if you would have a happy family life, remember two rules:

In matters of principle stand like a rock.

In matters of taste swim with the current.—Youth's Companion.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE STARTING IN BUSINESS LIFE.

Don't Aim Too High, Study Your Business, Save Money and Lay it up for a Rainy Day.

The N. Y. *Herald* thus replies to the following letter:

I am a country boy. I came from a farm in New Hampshire to New York with the hope of making a name and a fortune. Either the name or the fortune would satisfy me, but I am not built for both if they are within reach.

Will you kindly tell me how I can carve out for myself a successful career?

The results of our experience and observation are entirely at your service, young man.

Suppose we begin our conversation by defining terms. What do you mean by "a successful career?"

If, as you say, you are ambitious to become a millionaire two or three times over your chance is one in a thousand.

Possibly you may be that one. It depends on your natural gifts and your opportunities. But how about the other nine hundred and ninety-nine? Are their lives to be a failure because they can't acquire an immense bulk of capital?

In other words, is a surplus of cash the prime factor in the problem of happiness, and is a citizen's usefulness to be measured by his bank account solely?

You may also get the fame you wish. It depends on your education, on the quantity and quality of your brains and on your native genius. With these everything is possible; without them, you will everlastingly hunger for the unattainable, and in the end draw the coverlid of a wasted life over your head and die a disappointed man.

The number of those who achieve such greatness that the public mind monuments to their memory is very few, but if your name happens to be in that list the *Herald* will gladly subscribe for the purpose.

Don't make any mistakes in this matter. If you wish to get out of life all there is in it—for you—there is a way to do it.

Real happiness consists of health, self-respect, the good will of the community and a sufficient income to gratify your reasonable wants. Everything else is trivial and not worth bothering about. The man who has steady work, fair wages, a cosey home enough to eat, a thick overcoat and the consciousness of personal integrity, is a mightily favored fellow, in possession of more than three-quarters of the best things which this world affords.

Now, you can have all this if you make certain rules the basis of your conduct.

First—Don't aim too high, but aim straight. Emerson's advice to "hitch your wagon to a star" is the merest buncombe of rhetoric. You will produce larger practical results if you hitch your wagon to a well fed mule.

"Longfellow's poem, "Excelsior," is another bit of exquisite trash. Of course it is beautiful, "and all like that, you know," but it is not adapted to a rough and tumble fight with circumstances.

"The young man in that poem shoulders a flag and starts for—well, for nowhere, so far as we can discover. He is one of the climbers—an explorer of the celestial Alps. When he gets to the top of a hill he turns back and screams out "Excelsior!" What for we can't say. This is a free country, however, and he can do as he pleases. Up he trudges, until he gets to the snow-capped summit of the next ascent. Unreasonable boy! He seems to be just as dissatisfied as ever. Evidently he wants the earth. In spite of a chronic bronchitis and in constant danger of pneumonia, he waves his bunting yells "Excelsior!" once more and strikes out for an altitude where the mercury freezes in the bulb.

He may be going yet, for aught we know. He has undertaken a tough job, though, and his flag by this time must be in tatters.

You want to get rid of a good deal of this "excelsior" foolery. It is a mighty poor investment of talent. Stay down below, and let the glaciers and the mountain peaks take care of themselves.

Second—Do your work well, no matter what it is. Study your business. Make yourself master of it by putting your head and heart into it. If it is bookkeeping, then keep books in such fashion that the Angel Gabriel will want to lend you his crown as a token of approval. If you are a mechanic, or artisan, or farmer, be proud of yourself, and the rest of the world will soon come to be proud of you. Nothing is needed so much in this generation as a man with skilled fingers. You may have a long pull, but the clock will strike an unexpected hour and the opportunity—which comes to everybody in turn, but which most people miss—will present itself. Study the bulldog, and when you get your teeth into a big thing, let them stay there.

Third—Save money. The coward runs in debt, the brave man has a five dollar surplus in his pocket. The world may laugh at you because you can't have a four-in-hand necktie. All right, let it laugh. You are your own world, and the people who sneer are simply outside barbarians. When they see that five dollar bill growing bigger they all want to shake hands with you and send you to Congress. Keep well within your income and you will save yourself from skulking round the corner like a kicked dog when the dun is on your track. The handiest thing on the planet is the penny laid up for a rainy day.

Now, young sir, get rid of the nonsense that you are a genius, settle down to the conclusion that you are just an average North American boy and start in. Keep yourself alert, look after your digestive apparatus, don't smoke cigarettes, get to bed early, be square toed in all your dealings, and we will wager a cookie that at sixty you will have to look backward for those who began the race when you did.

Are you ready? Then, Go!

Brushing the Teeth.

It is safe to say that not twenty persons in a hundred know how to use a brush, and perhaps not two of those twenty properly apply their knowledge, says a dentist in the N. Y. *Herald*. In the first place one should have two brushes, one hard and one soft. The hard one should not be hard enough to injure the gums. The water should be moderately hot and should be held in the mouth for a minute or more before the brush is applied. This will soften the accumulations.

Next take the soft brush and scrub the surface of the teeth vigorously, going over all parts "inside," "outside" and "on top," to use phrases commonly understood. After this has been thoroughly done and the mouth rinsed out, the hard brush is to be used. Both brushes should have curved (concave) surfaces and serrated bristles. In using the hard brush, hold it in the hand and rotate the wrist, thus brushing the surface of the teeth from the gums toward the cutting edges. The mouth is held slightly open. This removes from between the teeth whatever was there at the outset, and what has been crowded there by the ordinary action with the first brush. Even more thoroughness is required in this last procedure than in the first.

It is between the teeth that decay is most likely to occur, and it is between the teeth that so few people succeed in cleansing. As a final safeguard waxed floss silk should be passed between all the teeth, and lastly the mouth sprayed with the listerine dilution. The teeth should be cleansed on retiring and arising, and if convenient after each meal.

LAKE DWELLERS IN AFRICA.

Thousands of Blacks who Rear Their Huts on Piles in the Denham Waters.

Much attention was recently called to the region around Kotonou, on the Gulf of Guinea, near which place several hundred of the women warriors of the King of Dahomey were killed in battle by the French troops. One of the most interesting features of this region is the large native villages and towns that have been built in the water. The inhabitants many years ago took this means of trying to escape from the terrible raids of the King of Dahomey. Many hundreds of people were actually driven by the powerful King into the water. It happens that the Dahomians are very superstitious about traveling in canoes or crossing streams, and the fugitives took advantage of this fact to secure protection for themselves.

On any good map one may see the "Denham waters" near Kotonou. This is the home of these lake dwellers. The towns have each a population of from 200 or 300 souls to as many thousands. Physically the people are fine and healthy specimens of Africans, and as a rule they are free from disease. Gov. Moloney of Lagos says the houses are built upon piles or straight branches of hard wood three to six inches in diameter. They are driven into the bottom of the lake. The upper ends are secured by cross pieces, on which are laid a bamboo flooring two-thirds or one-half of which is covered in by a house. The uprights of the house are fixed first and secured below the platform to the supporting piles. The roof frame is next made on the platform, and is covered with grass or bamboo leaves, and raised to its position. The remaining portion of flooring is used as a veranda. In the construction no nails are used.

These natives are fishermen and also a pastoral people. It is a curious fact that they keep cattle in pens adjoining their houses built on piles over the water like their dwellings. Sometimes during the dry season the shallowness of the water admits of the cattle being allowed to wander on terra firma; but fodder is brought in canoes to many less fortunate animals which are compelled to eke out their existence in these pens surrounded by water until such time as they are tethered and transported by canoe to the butcher.

The present natives are still in dread of the Dahomians, but even if this fear no longer existed it is probable that the habit which they and their fathers before them have long followed would lead them to prefer these aquatic residences. It is not known how many lake dwellers there are, but it is supposed there are at least 10,000 of them among the various tribes whose huts cover the Denham waters. Once in a while these tribes make war on one another, and they conduct their fighting in canoes capable of holding two or three persons, and their weapons are guns, harpoons, spears and clubs.

In some other parts of Africa, particularly in the Congo basin, the habit of dwelling in huts sustained on piles in lakes or rivers is very largely followed, and perhaps a million or two of the people of Africa are still perpetuating the phase of life of which we have relics in the remains of the lake dwellers of the prehistoric era.

His First Trip to Town.

Abner Dingrass, from away up beyond the White Mountains, had penetrated to the Hub. It was Abner's first visit to the city—in fact, his first trip away from home, says the N. Y. *Ledger*.

A relative, doing business in the metropolis, had spent the previous summer with Abner's parents, and in return for many kindnesses he had invited his friends of the country farm to visit him in his city home.

And thus Abner chanced to be in Boston, and was now dining at a hotel with his host.

At first our countryman hardly knew what to do with himself at the wonderously laden table. His relative, observing his hesitation, whispered to him:

"Don't be backward, Abner; help yourself to just what you like."

By and by a gentleman sitting opposite directed a waiter to bring him a plate of ice cream.

The cream was brought and the gentleman set it down before him while he finished a dish of scallops. Abner looked up and saw the delicate-looking mass in the plate not far away. It was tempting, and he reached forth and took it. He had put a spoonful of the frozen mixture into his mouth, and was hesitating between surprise and delight, when the gentleman opposite rather abruptly and not very pleasantly spoke:

"Well, my friend, that's what I should call decidedly cool."

"Yaas," responded Abner, innocently, when he had swallowed the frigid morsel. "It's about the coldest pudd'n I ever tasted. I swan few man! of I don't believe it's really teched with frost!"

Four Little Needles.

There are stories and stories about women shoppers having spools of cotton and similar articles sent to their hotel or residence after purchasing, but the tales have always been regarded as highly exaggerated in order to point a joke. The clerks at the Girard House, however, will always believe in the future such productions to be the gospel truth, no matter what statements are contained, and after an experience the other night this is not to be wondered at. Shortly before 6 o'clock a large delivery wagon belonging to a millinery house drove up to the door, and the driver dismounted with a small parcel in his hand. This, together with a bill, he handed the clerk, who viewed the inscription with a gasp. It read: "Four needles, four cents." "Anything else?" queried the clerk as soon as he recovered breath. "Nope, that's all." And this is why the genial conductors of the Girard will be credulous for the balance of their lives. —*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Initial Letters in Army Uniforms.

Gen. Schofield has issued a general order amending the army regulations respecting uniforms. It appears that the facetious enlisted man takes pleasure in misinterpreting the initials indicative of certain staff departments, so that the "M. D." which is the distinguishing mark of the department is translated into "mule driver," the "J. A." of the judge advocate's department into "jackass," and so on. To meet the objection of the officers to these terms the order omits the requirement that the initial letters shall figure in the uniform.

Petroleum Fields in Peru.

An English company with large capital has bought the petroleum near Payta, in Peru, and expects to furnish oil enough for the whole of South America, Australia, China and Japan. Immense tank-ships are being built for the business.

"It's getting quite dark now," remarked Cholly, as they sat on the front piazza. "Yes," she answered, with a touch of scorn as she surveyed the distance between them. "One might imagine you were afraid of the dark."

THE FARM AND HOME.

SEASONABLE MATTERS ON MANY RURAL TOPICS.

The Many Wastes of Many Farmers—Some Pointers About Potato Blight—Facts About Poultry—A New Cook Book—Household Hints.

Farm Wastes.

The subjects of the wastes that are continually going on on most farms and among most farmers is one that needs more thought and requires more attention than almost any other part of our farm work.

A prolific source of this evil among many is carelessness, and the result is, of course, hard times and the many privations that follow. The winter season with many is one of comparative inactivity, and could be profitably employed in a revision of the past season's work and its results. In doing so let us make a note of all mistakes, and plan our next season's work so that they will not occur again.

The waste of time and material are among the greater wastes, and are, therefore, the most to be guarded against. The former is more from lack of method than anything else, and many a hard-working man wastes much valuable time by rushing headlong into his work, without having taken proper time to think it over, and lay his plans systematically.

By anticipating our work we are enabled to plan it to the best advantage possible. By so doing we can accomplish much more and also will have the satisfaction of having everything pass off smoothly and quietly without any special effort. There are innumerable things about a farm that can be done in the winter, which, if not attended to, will take time during the busy season.

Before the commencement of what is termed the spring's work, everything that is likely to be needed either for the farm or household should be provided, so that in the event of a late spring, which is a common occurrence in this climate, not a day would be lost in the forwarding of the work on hand. The waste of material is perhaps the greatest waste with which we have to contend. Carelessness in regard to this has more to do toward making farmers unsuccessful than any other one thing in the whole routine of farm life.—Am. Cultivator.

Potato Blight.

The experience of the Ohio station people in trying to fight the potato blight with copper remedies the past season, has not altogether been satisfactory. Some rows were sprayed with the Bordeaux mixture, others with the ammonical solution of carbonate of copper, and some were left without treatment. The Bordeaux mixture was made by adding six pounds of copper sulphate and four pounds of lime to fifty gallons of water. The carbonate mixture was made by adding six ounces of copper carbonate to two quarts of ammonia and diluting with fifty gallons of water. Four applications, by spraying, were made during the season. The blight came and continued to increase in severity during July and the first half of August. Little difference in the degree of infection could be detected between the vines untreated and those to which the carbonate solution had been applied. The disappointment for me lies especially in the statement that even the rows treated with the Bordeaux mixture were attacked to a considerable extent. Still, there was a decided difference between them and the others. By the 6th of August the plants were practically all dead except in the Bordeaux mixture rows, which were yet green and growing. The difference, indeed, was very striking, and the Bordeaux mixture rows held out two weeks longer than the others. Consequently, there was a decided increase in yield in these rows. Yet further experiments will be necessary to determine whether the blight can be prevented entirely by the use of fungicides, and whether this can be done cheaply enough to have the increase of crop compensate for the outlay. It seems to me that one point is already well established, namely, that the application must be begun early, and before the blight has taken firm hold on the plants. The whole treatment should be preventive rather than curative. A good knapsack sprayer can now be had for $14, and I hope advantage will be taken of this by many growers, so the question can be definitely settled the coming season.—Com.

A New Cook Book.

Material is now being gathered for a new cook book, which it is intended shall be the most complete work of its kind, and will be a great aid to the housewives of the country. We append a few of the prescriptions:

Clear Soup—Take two pints of water, wash them thoroughly on both sides, pour into a dish, or something, and stir around the kitchen until tired.

Plum Pie—Get some dough, hammer out a front and back breadth. Line a dish with silesia, put in a veneering of dough, fill the dish with Brummell's cough drops, put on the top crust, feather-stitch around the edges and bake in a tinker's furnace.

Pound Cake—Mix up some flour and things, put them into a dish, bake for a while, then screw in the handle and commence to pound.

Stomach Cake—Line a small boy with green apples and cucumbers. This can be prepared at short notice.

Calve's Foot Jelly—Get trusted for a Chicago calf—they have the largest feet—cut off the calf, which can be used for making hash or chicken salad; wash the feet, thicken with glue, add a few molasses, strain through a cane-seated chair, pour it into a blue bowl with red pictures on it, set it in the shade to get tough. Then send it to a sick friend.

Ice Cream—Dry a piece of ice in the sun, stir in some cold cream or vaseline, fan it until it freezes, garnish with Christmas greens. This should be served with the soup.

Hash—Chop up everything, add some ready mixed paint, then throw it away.

Soft-boiled Eggs—Put a setting of eggs into a kettle of hot water at 6:57. Let them boil until the clock strikes; serve on half shell.

To Remove Stains—To remove fruit stains from a tablecloth, saturate the cloth in benzine, kerosine, and coal oil, sprinkle with gunpowder; apply a lighted match.

One-two-three Cake—One egg, two flour, three bounce.

An Inexpensive Dish—Buy a five-cent plate.

To Drop Eggs—Let go of them.

Lemon Pie—Line a pie plate with puff paste (see page 5,265), put in your lemons, build a lattice work over the top, and bake three weeks.

Seedling Varities of Fruit.

The dependence on nurseries rather than on home-grown fruits diminishes the chance for finding new and valuable seedling varieties. Occasionally a graft or a bud falls, and the natural sprout taking its place is supposed to be the improved variety until it gets into bearing. Unless these instances are wrongly reported, a larger proportion of seedling fruit has considerable more value than is often thought. The proper plan would be still larger if seeds from only the best of fruit grown in years favorable for its highest excellence were used for raising nursery stock. The plan of many nurserymen is, however, to get apple seeds from the refuse pomace, in which only small and inferior fruit is used for grinding, in this way they claim to get more vigorous stocks, but it is at the expense of fruit. It is likely also that these stocks when grafted are longer in coming into bearing than stocks raised from cultivated fruit of the highest quality would be.

Rubbish in Gardens.

All the rubbish in gardens, whether weeds, brush or other material, should be raked up and burned early in the winter, or at least before warm weather comes. The squash bugs and other insects that most plague the gardener hide themselves or deposit their eggs on or under this rubbish. Removing and burning it assures their destruction. For the same reason, it is better not to deposit manure on gardens until cold weather has stopped the movement and depositing of eggs of the insects that do most damage.

Old Cows Not Profitable.

Unless the cow has special value as a breeder, she should not be kept past her tenth year. If she has had a calf every year she will then have borne eight or nine calves, and this will be sufficient to wear out her constitution. Cows that are allowed to go farrow occasionally will be better preserved to a later age, but they do not usually make as good milkers nor tend to keep up the dairy reputation of their progeny so well, as cows that suffer as little interruption in breeding as possible.

Clover Causing Heaves.

There are two reasons why clover hay causes heaves in horses. One is that it often heats, and when it dries out becomes dusty. Wetting the hay removes the difficulty. The second reason is that horses like clover hay so much that they overload their stomachs, and cannot travel. Give them only a small amount of clover, and add oats to make up the full ration, just as would be done in feeding timothy hay.

Household Hints.

Save the feathers when picking poultry.

A frequent rub with chamois will keep the nickel part of the stove bright.

Flowers will remain fresh for a fortnight if a little carbonate of soda is mixed with the water.

Put old rubber rings of cans into weak ammonia water and they will recover their elasticity.

Lemons will keep fresh for weeks if covered with water. A small glass jar is a convenient receptacle.

Even the broken tacks are helpful in this utilitarian age. They are excellent for cleaning bottles.

Mildewed linen may be restored by soaping the spots and while wet covering them with powdered chalk.

Paint splashes may be removed from window panes by a very hot solution of soda, using a soft flannel.

Flood the waste-water pipes every week with boiling water and occasionally with a hot solution of sal soda.

Among the Poultry.

Keeping fowls in a dark place to fatten is unnecessary.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to cure the egg-eating habit once it is acquired.

One danger with the amateur is attempting to keep too large number of varieties in too close quarters.

In many cases those who make the poorest success are the ones that never try to improve upon what they are doing.

It is a serious mistake to allow food to be kept before the hens all the time; they are certain to keep too fat to lay well.

Wheat can be fed whole, crushed or cracked, with good results. It is one of the best materials that can be supplied for eggs.

Whether early or late turkeys pay the best is hard to determine. It costs more to raise the late ones, but they generally bring better prices.

Many prefer to feed a mixture of bran and middlings in preference to meal, using five parts of bran and one of middlings, scalding thoroughly.

If it pays to raise fowls for market, it pays to fatten well before selling. Early in the fall or in the middle or latter part of winter is the best time to market poultry.

When it can be done, it will pay to visit the poultry shows, much can be learned that will be of benefit not only as regards varieties but also as to the management.

If poultry is to be fattened in the winter it is necessary that they have warm quarters and be fed plenty of fat-forming food, giving a good variety to keep up the appetite.

In a majority of cases it will be better to feed a little longer and receive a good growth than to rush the poultry on the market either before they are well grown or properly fattened.

The natural condition of the fowls is to be in the open air. Turkeys and guineas, especially, prefer to roost out of doors, but with a little care they can be trained to roost under shelter.

A ration of corn and wheat is one of the best to feed to fattening geese. They will fatten faster, if, in addition, they can have cooked potatoes, turnips, chopped clover, cabbage and onions in addition.

If you are to use an incubator and wish early chickens for the market, the sooner it is set to work the better. A very few days' difference in the spring will often make considerable difference in prices.

Ingersoll as an Entertainer.

Last winter Col. Ingersoll gave receptions to his friends on Sunday evenings. His parlors were always crowded, and the great agnostic was the most delightful of men. He laughed with the girls, talked seriously with the men, cracked a joke at the supper table, and seemed to be as contented as man can well be. I noticed on more than one occasion, whenever some ill-mannered person brought up the subject of religion, that Col. Ingersoll deftly turned the conversation. But upon one memorable night that I recall, Grace Greenwood, the authoress, turned to him and said familiarly, as do most of his friends: "Bob, what do you think of Shakspeare?" I suppose the question was prompted by a magnificent bust of the Bard of Avon that stood on a pedestal near by. Col. Ingersoll was not at a loss for an answer. He walked over to the bust, looked at the face affectionately, and then in a low voice began as eloquent a tribute to the great poet as has ever been paid him. For five minutes he poured forth his eloquence in a low, calm voice, and when he looked up he found that all the men and women in the parlors were on tip-toe eager to catch every word that fell from his lips. I wish I could reproduce those words now, but I can't.—*Y. Y. Letter to Pittsburg Leader*.

A port of refuge is in course of construction at St. Michael, the chief island of the Azores, on which $3,000,000 has already been expended. It is on the southwest point of the island.

THE ALLIANCE.

CONTEMPORANEOUS NOTES.

Farm View, Porterville, Cal.: Although the Farmer's Alliance in this state has only been organizing since about the 1st of June, its active membership outnumbers the Grange or Patrons of Husbandry nearly three to one. Not only this, but the Alliance includes in its membership the most able, earnest and active element of the Grange. Few farmers are aware of the great work that is going on around them.

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National Economist: It is now absolutely certain that the party which refuses to consider the claims of the farmers and the debtor classes generally will receive the worst defeat that American politics has ever known. The Alliance means union—that gives it strength. Farmers want measures, not men; the men they will send to congress will simply carry out the measures of their constituents. Be just and conservative. Make the old parties bid for your support. In the meantime grow in thought, in unity and in true brotherhood.

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Farm View, Porterville, Cal.: Now, that the Farmers' Alliance has gotten to be a power in the land, the old political party workers will endeavor to coax them off their trail by passing resolutions squinting in the various directions farmers think desirable, but doing nothing to relieve their necessities permanently. A little more silver will be coined, tariff reduced perhaps on some things, promises made and bills introduced to any great extent. They killed off the Greenback party in this way and then went on with their old cinch games again.

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The Nonconformist: Every man or woman who wishes to work, has a right to work, and every man or woman who does work has a natural right to remunerative wages when they do work. What are remunerative wages? Only such wages as will give good food, clothing, shelter, all the comforts, and some of the luxuries of life. A state of society that allows thousands to be kept in a condition of enforced idleness, while those who toil do so for a mere pittance, while others who toil not at all, live in luxury, has something essentially rotten in it.

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Colman's Rural World: When the farmer comes to the kitchen fire after he has done his chores, late in the evening, and finds his wife mending or making over the last year's garments for the family while her own go untouched, he sits down and considers whether there is any object in exerting himself at all. All the teachings of others, all the lessons of experience, and the effects of his natural ambition induce him to make his best endeavors, but when he sees that his income is measured by the avarice of others more than by his own exertions, he realizes that "it is not all of life to live" nor all of farming to plow, sow, and gather in the harvest.

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Bradstreets says: Legislators at Washington are at last awaking to the fact that they have exceeded reasonable bounds in the pension legislation enacted at the last session, and a halt is now to be called. According to advices from the capital there has been a joint conference of members of the Committees on Pensions of the two houses, at which the conclusion has been reached that no additional legislation of a general character touching pensions will be enacted at the present session. Hereafter more care is to be taken in the consideration of private pension bills, and only urgent measures, clearly entitled to immediate consideration are to be allowed to go through.

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Representative McMillan, of Tennessee, recently said of the Alliance in an interview: "In our state it has not worked in antgonism to the Democratic party. On the contrary, our nominee for governor was a member of the organization and was nominated and made the race on a simon pure Democratic platform. It is an indisputable fact that the economic system under which we have been operating for some time past has proved disastrous to the farming interests. It will be the office of the Democratic party to try to remedy their ills as far as may be possible. The subtreasury scheme as presented to congress is impractible, but there are constitutional means of relief that can and will be given."

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A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer makes the following very sensible remarks: "It is all right for farmers to organize, hold conventions, resolutions, and demand such and such laws and a greater representation in our law making bodies. Let them not only demand but take the share in representation to which their numbers entitle them. Then they can get all the laws they want. I think farmers are too jealous of each other for their own good. They (some of them) are continually complaining because lawyers and millionaires get all the offices. But no sooner are good farmers nominated for congress than they begin with one accord to rail at them and cut them political tricksters, because they were nominated by the old parties. Stop such nonsense and pitch in and help these men. Then you may expect to get some of the things you demand."

Increase of Currency.

There is hardly any one who does not concede an increase of currency necessary, but when the question of placing it among the people is ventured, Wall street and its friends in congress step in and dictate the policy. This has been true for years, and to this fact may be attributed the distress and disasters that are now so prevalent in the land. Let the Alliance papers and lecturers of the country devote as much space and time as possible to the discussion of the emission of money from the treasury, and the result will be gratifying beyond expectation.—Economist.

He Has Offsets.

In a breach of promise case in New Hampshire the lover put in as offsets all the candy he had bought, the miles he had walked, the rigs he had hired and the time he had wasted, and when footed up and allowed the girl had only $2.60 left out of her verdict for damages.

The Intelligent [illegible]

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The Citizen's Responsibi[illegible]

Under a government based [illegible] lar suffrage the ultimate respo[illegible] for every abuse rests with [illegible] vidual citizen. It is neither [illegible] reasonable for workingmen to [illegible] employers, capitalists or le[illegible] for the system under which [illegible] robbed of its earnings, unless [illegible] themselves are doing their [illegible] change that system. It is as [illegible] unfair to charge the politici[illegible] maintaining unjust laws, with [illegible] tinuing to vote for the partie[illegible] creatures the politicians are. [illegible] is no sense in blaming the rep[illegible] tive of the people for doing [illegible] what they are elected to do. [illegible] isting parties do not wish to [illegible] deep-seated abuses or to alter [illegible] tions between capitalism and la[illegible] long as workingmen choose to [illegible] on their platforms and vote [illegible] candidates, it is both illogic[illegible] impudent for them afterward [illegible] around and find fault with po[illegible] who are only carrying out the [illegible] date of their constituents. [illegible] masses of the people would [illegible] true to themselves, they would [illegible] soon make an end of usury, [illegible] profit and all other forms of ex[illegible] tion. But it is useless to rail [illegible] despoiling classes and their [illegible] for maintaining the system, unless [illegible] themselves have the courage of [illegible] convictions.—Knights of Labor [illegible] nal (Phila.).

An Economic Question.

The most important point [illegible] education of the people upon ec[illegible] ic questions at the present time [illegible] emission of money from the [illegible] treasury, says the Dakota Herald, [illegible] that proposition was properly [illegible] stood a larger portion of the [illegible] glamor which now surr